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On an occasion such as this, it behooves one to measure his words. Christopher Coleman was tolerant almost to a fault, but not of extravagant praise, and, least of all, of untruth.

Emerson, in one of his most oracular moods *(English Traits)*, justifies aristocracy. "On general grounds," he says, "whatever tends to form manners, or to finish men, has a great value. Every one who has tasted the delight of friendship, will respect every social guard which our manners can establish, tending to secure from the intrusion of frivolous and distasteful people. The jealousy of every class to guard itself, is a testimony to the reality they have found in life. When a man once knows that he has done justice to himself, let him dismiss all terrors of aristocracy as superstitious, so far as he is concerned. He who keeps the door of a mine, whether of cobalt, or mercury, or nickel, or plumbago, securely knows that the world cannot do without him. Every body who is real is open and ready for that which is also real."

Christopher Coleman was an aristocrat, moved and governed by his deep sense of obligation, which is to say that he was ever mindful of the responsibility placed upon him by his ancestors and his teachers, whose beneficiary he was. Nobility imposes obligations.

Christopher came of the stock that made America what it is. His maternal grandfather was Stephen Trigg Logan, possibly the leading member of the Illinois bar, at a time when "there were giants in the earth." During the years 1841-44, he was the senior partner of Abraham Lincoln in their law firm at Springfield. On four different occasions he

served his constituents in the legislature. In 1847, he was one of those who framed the new constitution of Illinois. He was a delegate to the national convention in Chicago in 1860, the one that nominated Lincoln. In 1861, he attended the Peace Conference at Washington with high hopes of devising a plan whereby all differences between the North and the South might be peaceably settled.

One of the sculptured panels in the recently completed memorial at Lincoln City, which Indiana erected in memory of Nancy Hanks's son, has for its subject an incident of the Springfield days. It portrays Lincoln's friends congratulating him on his election to the legislature. Included in the panel is the figure of Christopher's grandfather.

The Logans had eight children. The seventh to arrive (1843) was Jenny Bush Logan. The Bush in her name is there because of her mother. When she was twenty-three years old, Jenny married Louis Harrison Coleman, a promising Springfield merchant. The Harrison is there because of his maternal grandmother, a relative of President William Henry Harrison. Christopher Bush Coleman, born April 24, 1875, was the second of their four children.

Shortly after his father's death in 1918, Christopher Coleman wrote an exquisitely measured appreciation of his parents. "It may be asked why I should thus obtrude my point of view in print," observes Arthur C. Benson in one of his self-revealing essays, "Why I should not keep my precious experience to myself; what the value of it is to other people? Well, the answer to that," he continues, "is that it helps our sense of balance and proportion to know how other people are looking at life, what they expect from it, what they find in it, and what they do not find." What Christopher's father found in life is revealed in a meditation he wrote "in the benign afterglow of a family gathering" on his seventy-fifth birthday, eleven months before his death:

"Three quarters of a century! What a long stretch of time when measured by the calendar, and yet how short when illumined by the unnumbered blessings that have been bestowed upon me. . . . Three quarters of a century, twenty five years of which have been hallowed by a companion of

sacred memory, whose very parents were a benediction to my life! Three quarters of a century—how luminous when cheered by the companionship of three sons and a daughter, whose deportment has never cast a shadow across my threshold but who have ever made my home a home of good cheer. Three quarters of a century! Ah, indeed it has been shortened by brothers and sisters and faithful friends, whose loving hearts and helping hands have been a great contribution to this privileged life of mine, so full of blessing as to fill every pore of my heart with loving gratitude. To one and all who have thus contributed perpetual sunshine to my life, I lift my voice for great length of days and abounding peace and prosperity, and I shall ever pray for the showering of God's richest blessing upon them all. Three quarters of a century, well worth the living, for the family reunion commemorative of it, when three generations mingle and are blended into one, and where family ties are tightened, and the cords of love and friendship more closely drawn."

The home so lovingly portrayed was Logan Place, just outside of Springfield, where Louis and Jenny Coleman started housekeeping; where, indeed, Christopher was born. Mrs. Logan, it appears, had been an invalid for years. She died two years after Jenny's marriage. "The care of the whole household had devolved upon Jenny sometime before this, for both of the older daughters had their own establishments. With redoubled solicitude and affection, if possible, Mrs. Coleman watched over her father who lived to enjoy for some years the presence of her two eldest sons." Christopher was five years old when his eighty-one-year-old grandfather died in 1880.

Thus the Colemans came to be a living integral part of Logan Place. Speaking of his father, Christopher said: "Logan Place was to him the homestead of hallowed associations, and he took the greatest pride in its gardens, its trees and its gently sloping lawn." Speaking of his mother, he said: "Her home was a center of hospitality, frequently on a wholesale scale; conventions and other gatherings sometimes found a score and more guests stowed away in the rambling additions made from time to time to the original four-room

brick house bought by Judge Logan when he came to Springfield in 1833."

In which connection it may not be amiss to note what Emerson said of old historic houses in his defense of aristocracy. "I look with respect," he said, "at houses six, seven, eight hundred, or, like Warwick Castle, nine hundred years old." He pardoned the high park fences when he saw that, besides does and pheasants, they had preserved libraries, manuscripts, priceless examples of art and architecture, millenial trees and breeds of cattle elsewhere extinct. "These lords," he declared, "are the treasurers and librarians of mankind, engaged by their pride and wealth to this function."

The obligations placed upon Christopher Coleman by his teachers were as exacting as those imposed by his ancestors. His mother had a hand in his education. During Lincoln's administration, Jenny Logan spent the winters in Washington with her sister Sally, who was living there at the time. Sally was the wife of Ward Hill Lamon, who had been a law partner of Abraham Lincoln at Springfield. When Lincoln was elected president, Mr. Lamon became his private secretary. Jenny, an impressionable girl of twenty or thereabouts, participated in the society of Washington and loved it. She shared in the excitement of the Civil War, a crucial period that brought together not only men who grew out of circumstance, but also those who grew out of character.

This, among other things, "contributed to her marked breadth of vision and to her intense ambition later to give her children all possible advantages of education and travel." Her son Christopher graduated from Lawrenceville Academy in 1892; Yale University (A.B. 1896); University of Chicago (B.D. 1899); Columbia University (Ph.D. 1914). In 1904-05, his intellectual curiosity led him to investigate Europe, with the result that he attended the University of Berlin.

William Lyon Phelps, in his *Autobiography* (1939), tells about the first class he taught at Yale. "After I had been teaching a few weeks," he said, "there was a meeting of the Freshman Faculty, most of whom were much older than I. I was informed that my marks were too high. To which I replied that the Faculty were at liberty to make a horizontal

reduction if they wished, but that this Freshman class was very remarkable and I believed they had earned those grades. The older men naturally were amused and wished to know how I could pronounce the class to be remarkable when it was the first class I had taught. I told them I was sure of the fact." Forty-seven years later, Dr. Phelps proved his point. In his book, he catalogued the achievements of some thirty members of his remarkable class, every one of whom had reached the upper rungs of the ladder. With the traditional tactfulness of a Yale man, he listed their names in alphabetical order. Like Abou ben Adhem, Christopher Coleman's "name led all the rest."

Although a Bachelor of Divinity, Christopher Coleman never entered the ministry. He elected to practice what others preach and remained a layman of that spiritual character, which embraces not only understanding and interpretation, but also love and compassion; to such a degree, indeed, that instinctively we turn to such people with our perplexing problems. We deposit our secrets with them without fear, secure in the belief that they will not turn up later in the shape of sermons.

In an address on "Life and Letters," Christopher confessed getting his religion by way of Scotland. To be sure, he qualified it a bit. "I remember," he said, "what a hold was taken upon me by the closely printed, four-volume life, by Dr. W. Hanna, of Thomas Chalmers, the Scottish preacher and theologian. Chalmers' personal life, his parish work, his pulpit oratory, his leaving the established church to found the Free Church of Scotland, would seem sufficiently remote to be completely isolated from an American student three generations later. Yet for me the hundreds and hundreds of pages unfolded a personality so admirable, a life so compelling in its sincerity, so open to conviction by the facts it faced, that I fairly lived for weeks with the man. It was, perhaps, my way of getting religion."

Strangely enough, or maybe not at all, Christopher Coleman's character paralleled that of Thomas Chalmers, "a nature nobly planned," as somebody else discovered. In Christopher's case, the "nature nobly planned" was conditioned by ancestry

and formal education, but not altogether. Books, and especially bulky ones, played their part. He preferred to read four volumes about one man, who is worth them, than to read one volume about four men. And one day, back in 1930, he got down to cases. He said: "Boswell's *Johnson,* Parton's *Andrew Jackson,* Pierce's *Sumner,* Morley's *Gladstone,* Beveridge's *Marshall* are to me much more satisfying than short sketches, which, brilliant though they may be, at best give only the author's conception of the man upon whom he exercises his literary skill."

Literary skill "for art's sake" was one of Christopher's pet peeves. Which doesn't necessarily mean that he didn't esteem form and style. His appreciation of poetry, provided it had content, is sufficient proof of that. Literature, for him, meant letters plus life. "The real substance of literature," he once said, "is its revelation of life, of experience, of truth. Validity of thought, genuineness of sentiment, reality, are the essence of greatness in literature. It is a mistaken guidance which does not lead to an emphasis on these qualities." He was so sure that he was right that he left a warning. "Literature," he said, "is the best means of inducting youth into the life and thought of the world. As it is, college authorities seemed to have looked upon literature as a fine art, concerned with modes of expressing sentiment, and they have turned elsewhere for a general introduction of young barbarians to civilization."

All of which explains why he placed Plato's *Republic,* Saint Augustine's *City of God,* Karl Marx's *Capital,* and Charles Darwin's *Descent of Man* on the same shelf with Homer's *Iliad,* Vergil's *Aeneid,* Dante's *Divine Comedy,* and Stephen Vincent Benét's *John Brown's Body.*

Christopher rarely, if ever, reread a book in its entirety. He didn't have to. He had lived them all, including the McGuffey readers. When the McGuffeyites attributed the so-called crime wave to a change in our school readers, "to the substitution of selections chosen for their literary value rather than for their exemplification of the good old standards of thrift and morality," he was among the first to applaud—a performance that might lead some people to believe that he was a man entirely free of vices. Nothing of the sort. Like all lovable

men, Christopher too had his faults. They were two in number —three, if we count his less vicious habit of pipe smoking.

He was an inveterate perpetrator of puns and paradoxes. On one occasion when someone circulated what to him seemed a brand-new discovery, namely that a new hat has the same effect upon a woman that three highballs have upon a man, Christopher nodded and said: "Yes, it goes to her head." As for his other vice, it might have made a philosopher of him. His uncanny trick of finding things the reverse of their appearance, with the result that what he saw turned up in the shape of dizzy paradoxes, was as grotesque as anything in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.*

He escaped being a professional philosopher probably for the same reason that Dr. Johnson's simple friend, Edwards, did. "I have tried, too, in my time, to be a philosopher," said Edwards, "but—I don't know how—cheerfulness was always breaking in." Christopher got halfway through the *Education of Henry Adams* when the gloomy point of view stopped him. He started again at the beginning and this time extracted some cheerfulness; not much, to be sure, but enough to pronounce the book as something more than mere philosophy. Christopher was a merry man.

It is not too fantastic to say that Christopher Coleman became a teacher because of his sense of humor, a faculty which, on good authority, implies a shrewdness of observation, a gaiety of wisdom, and a courage to face facts. When properly proportioned, it sees symbols in common, customary things; in perfect balance, it detects universal law in a single funny fact. Moreover, it is the only gift for which most teachers are remembered. In support of which there is the testimony of thousands who recall only those teachers who could smile, even if only occasionally.

Christopher Coleman grew up to be a teacher and, as it turned out, a teacher with the gift of smiling. For eighteen years (1901-19) he was a professor of history at Butler University. Seven of those years he served as the school's vice-president. In 1920, he went to Allegheny College (Meadville, Pa.) as head of the Department of History and Political Science. Four years later, he returned to Indianapolis to be-

come the director of the Indiana Historical Bureau which grew out of the Indiana Historical Commission, a board created by the legislature in 1915 to set the stage for the centennial celebration of Indiana's admission to statehood (1816).

A little later, Dr. Coleman took on the additional duties of secretary of the Indiana Historical Society, an organization founded by a group of sanguine, confident Hoosiers who conceived it their patriotic duty to establish "safe depositories for the keeping of natural curiosities, manuscripts, public documents, etc., in the custody of intelligent guardians interested in their accumulation and preservation." The quoted words are taken from the minutes of their first meeting, December 11, 1830, just fourteen years after our state got started. It remains a prize example of foresight and imagination, to say nothing of a faith that, come what may, Indiana could and would defend her enviable reputation with documentary evidence.

Dr. Coleman proved to be an "intelligent guardian"—beyond anything, indeed, contemplated by our forefathers. He believed not only in the preservation of documents, but also in their promulgation. To this task he brought all the talents of the scholar that he was. Except for his gift of understanding and interpretation, his infinite patience in winnowing out the chaff, and his almost fanatical insistence on truth, the books and papers he edited (both for the Bureau and the Society) wouldn't be the worth-while publications that they are.

One of his own books deserves special mention at this time. It is one of the most important to come out of this war. In *The United States at War: Our Enemies and Our Associates* (1943), Dr. Coleman uncovers the entire background of the present drama. Its objective point of view reveals traits long known to those who had watched his work: habitual self-possession, for one thing, and habitual regard to interior and constitutional motives—two qualities which, when combined, produce a balance not to be overset or easily disturbed by outward events and opinion. It is something that might be called intellectual poise.

He had poise even as a young man. For example, there is his first book, *Constantine the Great and Christianity*, pub-

lished in 1914, which carries the forthright qualifying title, *Three Phases: the Historical, the Legendary, and the Spurious.* To write it, he read two hundred and fourteen books, which when filtered through his tidy mind, resulted in only ninety-six pages of documented history, the only kind his honesty would permit him to accept.

If Indiana is conscious of her heritage, and most certainly she is, it is largely because of Dr. Coleman. Much of his work in this respect can't possibly be measured. Nobody knows how much he gave of himself to bring all this about. That is what John Hillman meant, in his editorial in the Indianapolis *Times,* when he spoke of Dr. Coleman's willingness "to walk the second mile." Not only those who had the privilege of working for and with him but everybody with whom he came in contact, sensed what a selfless man he was.

More tangible, and consequently more measurable, was his constant concern for the monuments of Indiana. His interest and activity in their preservation helped to persuade the state to purchase the Lanier Home and the Mounds near Anderson. He was identified with the building of the George Rogers Clark Memorial, in the course of which he gathered and circulated much historical material.

He also helped in the campaign which resulted in the erection of the new State Library and Historical Building. And of late, he was tremendously interested in the preservation and restoration of the Whitewater Canal and everything that went with it. Less well known is something else he had on his mind. Since the beginning of this year, he had his heart set on restoring the old building which stands completely hidden behind the monstrously big billboard at the corner of Illinois Street and Kentucky Avenue in Indianapolis. It happens to be the original State Bank of Indiana, the "mother bank" of the ten branch banks established in 1834 when our eighteen-year-old state became money-minded.

And some day, too, because of Dr. Coleman, Indiana will be roofed over with the blooms of tulip trees. Early each year, in the pages of the *Indiana History Bulletin* in plenty of time for spring planting, he extolled the merits of our official state tree *(Liriodendron tulipifera).* Indiana citizens were moved

to plant thousands of tulip tree seedlings. At last accounts, the trees were doing well. Now it is merely a matter of waiting.

On Sunday, June 25, 1944, the day of the Colemans' forty-third wedding anniversary, their garden was lovelier than it had ever been. Shortly after breakfast, without warning or premonition, Christopher Coleman died. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Juliet Brown Coleman, and two daughters: Constance (Mrs. Edgar P. Richardson), an artist of national prominence, and Martha (Mrs. Edmund C. Bray), who has inherited her father's literary gift. His family contributed to make him the complete man that he was. Fine manners can't exist alone; they need the support of fine manners in others.

When it came time to say farewell, Dr. E. Burdette Backus, pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church, asked to read Christopher's favorite poem. The choice was difficult. He loved so very, very many. Suddenly Martha recalled an incident of several years ago which, at the time, seemed nothing out of the ordinary. It was of tremendous significance now. She remembered one night before dinner her father came into the library from the garden and took a book from the shelf. He read for a few moments, then putting the book back, he said he had been reading one of the greatest poems ever written. On the page he had marked was *The Canticle of the Sun,* by Saint Francis of Assisi, underscored long ago by his pencil. So the minister read at the beginning of the service:

"Most high, most great and good Lord, to thee belong praises, glory and every blessing! Blessed be thou, my Lord, for the gift of all the creatures; and especially for our brother the sun, by whom the day is enlightened. He is radiant and bright, of great splendor, bearing witness to thee, O my God. Blessed be thou, my Lord, for our sister the moon, and for the stars; thou has formed them in the heavens, fair and clear. Blessed be thou, my Lord, for my brother the wind, for the air, for cloud and calm, for every kind of weather, for by them thou dost sustain all creatures. Blessed be my Lord for our sister water, which is very useful, humble, chaste, and precious. Blessed be thou, my Lord, for our brother fire, gay, noble, and beautiful, untamable and strong; by whom thou dost illumine

the night. Blessed be thou, my Lord, for our mother earth, who sustains and nourishes us, who brings forth all kinds of fruit, herbs, and bright-hued flowers. Blessed be thou, my Lord, for those who pardon for love of thee, who patiently bear tribulation and infirmity. Happy are those who abide in peace, for by thee, Most High, they will be crowned. Blessed be thou, my Lord, for our sister, death of body, from whom no living man can escape. Happy are they who at the hour of death are found in obedience to thy holy will. Praise ye and bless ye, my Lord; give him thanks, and serve him with great humility."

—Anton Scherrer

TRIBUTES

"Christopher Coleman had a strong sense of the importance of his work as a historian. One thinks in this connection of that fine phrase given us by the ancient writer of the book of Ecclesiastes. . . 'Men of learning for the people.' Most of us are too busy to have the necessary time to achieve a true picture of the great stream of life and events in which we are immersed. We need the historian to interpret it for us, and to give us a sense of the vast sweep of the events to which we belong, to provide us with perspective, as he does in his recent admirable little book, *The United States at War.*"—E. Burdette Backus, pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis.

"In the death of Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, Indiana sustained the loss of a dearly beloved citizen as well as a true and faithful public servant. His profound knowledge of Indiana's early history laid a firm foundation for the future development of our state's Historical Bureau. He possessed an unusual gift in the field of research and a keen discernment in the preservation of historical treasures. Dr. Coleman was a 'good and faithful servant' in all of the things he did, and the memory of his outstanding record will be forever enshrined in the hearts of Hoosier citizens."—Henry F. Schricker, Governor of Indiana.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL BOARD, July 11, 1944

"WHEREAS the death of Christopher B. Coleman on Sunday, June 25, 1944, has ended a valued and cherished association, therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That this memorial tribute be entered on the minutes of the Indiana Library and Historical Board, and that copies of it be transmitted to the wife and daughters who survive him.

"Dr. Coleman became director of the Historical Bureau on October 1, 1924, bringing to the position a combination of rare personal qualities, fine academic training, and experience that made his directorship one of concord and progress.

"During this period he served also as secretary of the Indiana Historical Society. He bound the work of the two organizations together in pursuit of a common end, a true historical consciousness throughout the state—for he believed history to be as much the agent of the present and the future as it is the conservator of the past.

"Dr. Coleman directed the editing of the *Indiana Historical Collections,* bringing the numbered volumes from XIII to XXVII between 1925 and 1943. He supervised the publication of the monthly *Indiana History Bulletin* and the issuing of a number of reprints and leaflets. After 1928 he was continuously a member of the editorial board of the *Indiana Magazine of History,* and for two short periods he served as its acting editor. Two other series of papers to which he gave careful oversight were the *Publications* and the *Prehistory Research Series* of the Indiana Historical Society.

"State boundaries did not limit his contribution to the editorial field. In 1936 he compiled a handbook of historical societies for the nationwide Conference of Historical Societies. He worked hard and effectively for the publication by the U. S. Department of State of the *Territorial Papers of the United States,* two volumes of which deal with Indiana Territory. He furthered the establishment of *The American Archivist,* issued quarterly by the Society of American Archivists since 1938, and served on the editorial board. He contributed notes, articles, and reviews to the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* and the *American Historical Review.* His own latest work dealt with *The United States at War: Our Enemies and Our Associates;* it was published in 1943 by the Indiana Historical Society.

"From 1926 to 1938 Dr. Coleman served as secretary of the Conference of Historical Societies. He was a member of the Council of the American Historical Association in 1933 and 1934. In 1943 he became vice-president of the American Association for State and Local History.

"Local historical organizations received Dr. Coleman's devoted attention. He helped some groups to organize; he aided in the resuscitation of others; he nurtured the frail and saluted the strong; he stimulated local and county projects that fitted

into a state-wide pattern. The Indiana Junior Historical Society took form with his support and guidance. Out of his long experience he answered queries with practical suggestions, but his most valued gifts to local groups were his obvious deep interest and his ever ready help. He made the Annual Indiana History Conference an established institution, important alike for promoting historical work in the state and for the meeting of friends.

"His membership on the George Rogers Clark Memorial Commission of Indiana (1927-40) and his term as executive secretary of the Federal George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial Commission (1928-35) made heavy demands on his time and energies. Another memorial project dear to his heart was the Whitewater Canal Association of Indiana, Inc. At the time of his death he was secretary of the association, actively striving to bring the memorial to a proper permanent form.

"To a list of duties already heavy, Dr. Coleman added in 1936 the acting directorship of the Indiana State Library. Until relieved of this responsibility in 1942, he devoted himself at great personal sacrifice to maintaining that institution's organization and extensive services and its high standing as a research library. He contributed much to the development of its departments of Indiana History and Archives as storehouses of historical material pertaining to the state.

"Attributes that permeated all these activities, that left a warmth in every contact, local, state, or national, and that will stand foremost in every memory of his services, were his unfailing kindliness and generosity, his consummate modesty, and his steady effectiveness. There can be no overstatement of these attributes."

—Indiana Library and Historical Board
Mrs. George W. Blair, *President*
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Cornelius O'Brien
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Mrs. George K. Bridwell, *Secretary*

"It is hard to imagine how we will ever get along without Dr. Coleman, both in a personal and a professional way. He

fulfilled all his relationships in such a marvelous and kindly fashion."—Eli Lilly, President, Indiana Historical Society.

"The Indiana Historical Society has had the benefit for many years of the scholarship and sound judgment of Christopher Coleman. Now that his long and distinguished career has ended it seems fitting that a record should be made of some of his many important contributions to its activities.

"In the year 1909, when he was professor of history at Butler University, he became corresponding secretary of the society, a position that he held for many years, and for several of those years he edited the *Indiana Magazine of History*, published at that time under the auspices of the society, which included in its list of members such able citizens and historians as Daniel Wait Howe, Jacob P. Dunn, Charles W. Moores, James A. Woodburn, and Harlow Lindley.

"Early in the year 1924 a comprehensive and forward-looking program was adopted by the Indiana Historical Commission for co-operation with the Historical Society, and when in October of that year Dr. Coleman became director of the Commission he also became secretary of the Historical Society and an active leader in all of its undertakings.

"A list of some of the important projects sponsored by the society during the nearly twenty years in which he held this office would include the restoration of the Lanier Home in Madison and its preservation by the state, the George Rogers Clark Memorial at Vincennes, and the State Library and Historical Building.

"He promoted a survey of important archaeological sites in the state and when generous private contributions made possible extensive specialized work in this and allied lines he gave it his constant co-operation.

"Among committees of our society that took shape during his secretaryship and produced notable contributions were those on covered timber bridges and early water-power mills, historic sites and markers, pioneer cemeteries and churches, state trees and roadside planting, genealogy, the Indiana Junior Historical Society, the bibliography of Indiana

authors, and the committee for operating the William Henry Smith Memorial Library.

"A project dear to his heart, which has been left for others to carry on and complete, is the restoration of parts of the canal system, with its locks, dam and aqueduct, in the beautiful Whitewater Valley.

"Never deviating from his fine sense of historical scale and importance and his insistence on accurate recording, he believed in holding fast to that which was good in the times and customs of earlier days.

"As he himself expressed it, the Historical Society has given to its members 'the goodly fellowship of those who are interested in preserving the best of the past and in understanding the present.'

"That was due in a great measure to his own personality —to his capacity for friendship—to his inspiring interest in things worth while, and to his unselfish service in the affairs of the state and community."—Lee Burns, Chairman Executive Committee, Indiana Historical Society.

"Libraries of Indiana in general and the State Library in particular have sustained a serious loss in the death of their staunch friend, Christopher B. Coleman.

"The happy connection binding the Historical Bureau and the State Library as sister agencies under one roof and the same board of control, with the State Historical Society united to both, constitutes an ideal working relationship for both institutions and for the libraries of the state. The ripening of this relationship over a period of twenty years constituted one of the greatest of Dr. Coleman's achievements.

"The State Library itself represents another of Dr. Coleman's notable contributions to the cause of libraries. He was indispensable in the movement which resulted in the erection of this magnificent 'Memorial to Indiana History.' At a time of crisis in the life of the new library he was called to serve as its acting director while still continuing to administer the Historical Bureau. Without benefit of a board of control, and in the face of constant difficulties and discourage-

ments, he managed through six telling years to maintain the organization and services of the State Library intact, and to preserve its high standards as a reference library and as a library service center for the state.

"Legal certification of librarians stands as yet another monument to Dr. Coleman. The new Certification Act of 1941 placed executive responsibility in the hands of the state librarian, and Dr. Coleman successfully directed the work of formulating and establishing an admirable library certification plan for Indiana.

"Legislation affecting Indiana libraries suggests one more memorial which Dr. Coleman built over the years, never with a thought of self but ever with the welfare of libraries and the public at heart.

"Librarians will always remember with pride and gratitude his signal services to the cause of Indiana libraries."—Harold F. Brigham, Director, Indiana State Library.

"Dr. Christopher B. Coleman has long been identified in the minds of the historical profession of the United States with the Indiana State Historical Society and the Historical Bureau. His pleasant and friendly conduct have won for him friends in all parts of the nation. It is, however, particularly in Indiana that his passing will be marked with deep sorrow and the feeling of personal regret. It has been a pleasure to know him and to work with him. His aid and assistance in editing the *Indiana Magazine of History* will be keenly missed."—John D. Barnhart, Editor, *Indiana Magazine of History.*

"The Society of Indiana Pioneers is deeply conscious of its loss, and that of all the historical organizations in the state, in the death of Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau and secretary of the Indiana Historical Society. The two societies have worked together closely, especially in planning the annual December Indiana History Conferences and the pilgrimages to places of historical interest. The success of these co-operative enterprises has been in great part due, we realize, to Dr Coleman's knowledge, ideas, and suggestions. He was always asked to

meet with the Board of Governors and the committees to assist in planning the activities of the organization. Many times his advice was asked, and his wise suggestions and recommendations were always helpful. The officers and members of the Society felt that he was ever at hand to be consulted; we have appreciated his help and will miss it in the days to come."—Caroline Dunn, Secretary, Society of Indiana Pioneers.

"One of Dr. Coleman's many contributions was the sponsorship of the annual meeting of the Indiana History Teachers Association, which has long provided a valuable outlet for historical research and for critical discussion on a level in keeping with the best traditions of scholarship."—Oscar O. Winther, President, Indiana History Teachers Association.

"Dr. Coleman, as chairman of our board, was tireless in his efforts to preserve the Whitewater Canal (to quote him) 'as a fine historic, educational and scenic memorial of the canal days in Indiana.' His informal talk at the Laurel Dam, before the Conservation Department a few weeks before his death, inspired us to renewed efforts toward our goal, and in this we shall be honoring the memory of this lovable public-spirited citizen of our state."—John P. Goodwin, President, Whitewater Canal Association.

"Probably no one will ever know the amount of good he did for other persons because he was too unselfish and too generous in his praise of others to attract the proper attention to his own accomplishments.

"His absolute sincerity, his patience, his tactfulness and his always amiable disposition were among the qualities of true greatness which he possessed."—Richard Simons, former president, Indiana Junior Historical Society.

"He had been such a friend to our organization."—May Adams Arbuckle, President, Bartholomew County Historical Society.

"You well know the affectionate esteem that Dr. Coleman inspired in all those with whom he was associated. . . .

"I am but voicing the sentiment of all members of the Henry County Historical Society."—Clarence H. Smith, Curator, Henry County Historical Society.

"Such societies as ours will sorely miss Dr. Coleman. Just two days before his untimely death he wrote me noting again his great interest in local history, with special reference to having more of it taught in the schools, and expressing the hope that 'we can do something along this line throughout the state.' In this as in other matters, we always found him ready to help."—Herbert H. Heimlich, President, Tippecanoe County Historical Association.

"Dr. Coleman helped us as he did all the counties. . . . His work was perhaps more difficult than we knew. He was many times our guest and always made us feel that our county work was worth while."—Mrs. Harvey Morris, President, Washington County Historical Society.

"Dr. Coleman was one of the twenty-five charter members of the Alpha Association and as a member of the board of directors always gave generously of his thought and time to Phi Beta Kappa activities. He served as president in 1940-41 and represented the organization on the Readers Council of *The American Scholar*."—Dorothy E. McCullough, Secretary-treasurer, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Association of Indiana.

"As a member of the Advisory Board Dr. Coleman was one of our best friends, serving as a trustee and later an advisor. His helpful advice and interest in our progress have been of much value to us."—Faye Henley, President Board of Trustees, Children's Museum, Indianapolis.

"I knew Dr. Coleman for many years. I count it fortunate that I was more or less closely associated with him for a considerable part of that period. I respected him highly for his work, his spirit of co-operation, and for his many fine qualities. . . . He made a place for himself that it will be very difficult for another to fill."—William O. Lynch, former editor, *Indiana Magazine of History*.

"He was a life member of the American Historical Association and had served it loyally and well on many occasions. What he has done as secretary of the Indiana Historical Society will stand as a permanent monument of his devotion to scholarship. As a historian his own contributions are a great credit to the profession to which he was devoted."—Guy Stanton Ford, Executive Secretary, American Historical Association.

"His loss to this association cannot be estimated. He was a member from almost the beginning of the association and he worked for years in the interest of the completing of the Territorial Papers and at the time of his death was one of the most influential members of that committee.

"He always co-operated in every historical project undertaken by this association and I know that he did the same with every association of which he was a member."—Clara S. Paine, Secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

"Doctor Coleman has been one of the strongest men in historical society work and has done perhaps more than anyone in the country to combine good standards of historical research with skillful administrative ability."—Edward P. Alexander, President, American Association for State and Local History.

"In the earlier years of his association with Indiana, he rendered distinct service while at Butler College as editor of the *Indiana Magazine of History*. After some years absence from the state, he returned to assume the directorship of the Indiana Historical Commission from which I had just resigned. During these last twenty years, he rendered an unusual service to Indiana as director of this Commission, later the Indiana Historical Bureau, and also an invaluable service in connection with practically every enterprise which concerned the historical interests of the state."—Harlow Lindley, Secretary, Librarian, Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society.

"I have never sought his advice but that I received the soundest recommendation. That he was the wisest and therefore the most competent and effective supporter of the work on which I am engaged, has always been evident, not alone to me but to many others. For twenty years he had planned and worked for the preservation of the project and he looked forward hopefully to the time when it might be placed on a permanent footing. . . .

". . . His recognized cultural and professional attainments and his ability in dealing with people and with situations could well have been utilized for personal preferment and profit. He chose rather to lift his hand and voice in the promotion of other persons in whom he believed, and of interests in which he saw good."—Clarence E. Carter, Editor, *The Territorial Papers of the United States.*

". . . I have the sense of personal bereavement at the loss of a very good friend of many years standing—one of those rare persons with whom it is always a pleasure to work.

"His loss too, from the professional point of view, is one we cannot afford. As a scholar he stood for the very highest standards of scholarship in association with others, in scholarly activities, and in public life. His unfailing devotion to ideals of integrity and honor made him an inspiration and a tower of strength to men who without his example might have compromised."—Theodore C. Pease, Department of History, University of Illinois.

"He possessed the fine qualities of heart and mind that inspired others to work with him successfully in many patriotic and scholarly pursuits. His love, loyalty, and service to the nation is a noble blessing and inspiring example to all of us."—Louis J. Bailey, Librarian, Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, N. Y.

"For many years I counted him among those to whom a young historian could look for counsel and help."—Thomas M. Owen, Jr., National Historian, The American Legion.

"His heart and soul were in his work. He accomplished much. He shall ever stand out as a decidedly great encourager in the study and preservation of Indiana history."—Otto A. Rothert, Secretary, Filson Club.

"His death will prove to be a great loss to the entire profession which he adorned so brilliantly."—Milo M. Quaife, Editor, Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library.

"It is rare that one finds so fine a scholar and historian who has the great personal warmth which drew one so strongly to Dr. Coleman."—Bernhard Knollenberg, Librarian, Yale University Library.

"In his quiet way, he managed to keep a great many people with diverse backgrounds interested in the history of Indiana and the Historical Society. Several former Hoosiers with whom I have talked in the past several years have spoken of him and the work of the Historical Society."—Robert B. Yule, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

"He was an outstanding executive and an able scholar to be ranked with that group of midwestern men who have done so much to build up the western historical society activities. His recent articles in the *Indiana History Bulletin* with their shrewd and distinctly modern point of view had been most impressive."—Paul W. Gates, Department of History, Cornell University.

"Dr. Coleman took a particular and a very intelligent interest in the projects for a national archives establishment in Washington, years before that establishment became a reality. I had occasion to appreciate his interest in the later years when the last bills were drafted and introduced in Congress and one finally enacted in 1934 into law."—Thomas P. Martin, Division of Manuscripts, Library of Congress.

"The contribution which Christopher B. Coleman, who was taken in death Sunday at Indianapolis, made to the cultural advancement of Indiana was as great as that of any man of his time.

"He was a natural scholar. He knew no compromise in research. He had a passion for fact and a fine zeal in getting at original sources for his material. Out of his long study of American history he developed an abiding faith in democracy. He was of the school which believes that there should be a cult of democracy.

"One of his best services to the state was the management of the State Library through the transition period following its political difficulties. He gained much commendation for handling a delicate situation with tact and firmness. Indiana will ever be grateful for his great helpfulness to its cultural progress and its faith in itself."—Indianapolis *News*, June 26, 1944.

"The sudden death of Dr. Christopher B. Coleman deprives Indiana of a distinguished scholar whose career conferred a boon on the citizenship of the state. He was a persistent seeker after truth, tireless in research, who led countless Hoosiers to deeper appreciation of their own rich heritage.

"Dr. Coleman labored to overcome previous indifference to the vital importance of the state's earlier days. He did not compile musty facts and dates, but brought to Indiana a finer interpretation of its part in historical, social and human relationships. His enthusiasm and genial personality made contagious the quest for deeper insight into the state's background.

"One of his outstanding achievements was the direction of the State Historical Bureau, coupled with eminent service as director of the Indiana State Library. While his labors were devoted chiefly to Hoosierdom, he was recognized nationally as an outstanding historical authority.

"Dr. Coleman kept abreast of the times by inspiring zeal of scholars in compiling an accurate and comprehensive record of Hoosier activities in the present war. His was chiefly a labor of love in exploring state lore and endowing it with general interest through his versatile pen. His busy life has bequeathed a rich store of information for coming generations."—Indianapolis *Star*, June 27, 1944.

"A true historian is something more than a keeper of dusty archives. He is one who, by preserving the splendid heritage of mankind, makes the present a living link with both past and future. Wisdom builds up slowly, like a coral atoll rising from the sea, and the historian not only charts its progress but is the guardian of the painful gains achieved by those who have gone before. He is both a steward and an interpreter; his toil and insight makes richer the lives of his contemporaries and smoothes the way for the unborn.

"Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau, was one of those timeless men. He had the great gentleness of those who walk with the centuries. He had a brilliant mind, an able pen and a personality stamped with the hallmark of refinement that, for want of a better term, is called 'a gentleman.' And he was a selfless servant, whose ability and knowledge were dedicated to the profit of others. We on the newspapers knew him as a constant source of information, as a friend who was ever willing to walk the second mile, as a scholar who either knew the answer or found it, as a quiet man with a twinkle in his eye and inspiration in his talk.

"Few states have so well cherished their traditions and the flavor of their statehood as has our Indiana. And that is due in no small measure to Christopher B. Coleman. That was his vocation, and his avocation, to keep forever green the memories of the men and deeds that made a state. He did that well, with self-effacing effectiveness, as he did all things. His was a big job, and he fitted it."—Indianapolis *Times,* June 26, 1944.

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35			[illegible]			10	F
36			[illegible]			8	M
37			Elizabeth			7	F

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24			Joseph H "		17	M		Farm
25			William B "		15	M		
26			Mitchel M "		21	M		
27			Delphia A "		19	F		
28			Barbara J "		13	F		
29			Eliza "		9	F		
30			Andrew J "		1	M		
31	44	44	Duncan Morland		57	M		Farm
32			S Morland		48	F		
33			B F "		15	M		
34			Josiah "		12	F		
35			John "		10	M		
36	45	45	John Burley		45	M		Farm
37			Catharine "		27	F		
38			R Burley		16	M		Farm
39			Nancy "		12	F		
40			Benona "		9	M		
41			John "		6	M		
42		6	Sarah "		4	M		

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Dist 85
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SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in District No 85

of Indiana enumerated by me, on the _____ day

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	Color, {White, black, or mulatto.}	Profession, Occupation, of each Male Person years of age.
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		Elliott Deschon	22	M		Med. Stu
		Martha L. "	21	F		
		Mary J. "	1	F		
		John Sequenne	24	M		Med. Stu
37	337	Stephen Moreland	62	M		Farmer
		Elizabeth "	57	F		
		Delona B "	20	M		Farmer
		Elizabeth A "	16	F		
		Joseph A "	11	M		
		Rebecca Bassett	24	F		
		Cassius M "	1	M		
38	338	Solomon Abe	41	M		Farmer
		Catharine M "	37	F		
		Elizabeth "	14	F		
		George "	16	M		

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	Samuel	"	8 M	
	Lucinda	"	6 F	
	Mary E	"	3 F	
	George		1 M	
	Isaac Wilson		19 M	
6 80	Susan Coleman		32 M	Farmer
	Diana	"	25 F	
	William	"	8 M	
	James	"	10 M	
	Joseph	"	5 M	
	Eliza J	"	1 F	
1 81	Elvira Nevins		37 M	Farmer

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9			Samuel "	14	M		
10			Sarah "	19	F		
11	604	604	Samuel A McCampbell	38	M		
12			Martha J "	37	F		
13			William J "	6	M		
14			James A "	10	M		
15			Melissa "	8	F		
16			Elizabeth "	3	F		
17			John H "	1	M		
18	605	605	James Morelan	80	M		Md
19			Nancy "	62	F		VA
20			Rebecca A "	25	F		K
21			Joseph A	23	M		K
22	606	606	John W Morelan	27	M		
23			Malinda "	23	F		
24			James M "	4	M		
25			Nancy G "	2	F		
26			Thornton "	42	M		
27			Henry Cornelius	40	M		
28	607	607	Jesse Conley	25	M		
29			Rhoda "	25	F		
30			James "	3	M		
31			Jane "	4	F		
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		Joseph	10	M	
113	118	Jane Shannon	38	F	
		Sarah C. "	12	F	
		Emma J. "	10	F	
		Robert "	9	M	
		Martha "	7	F	
		Mary J. "	6	F	
		Elizabeth "	4	F	
		Robert McNaul	66	M	
		Sarah "	59	F	
114	119	John Moreland	50	M	
		Sarah "	43	F	
		Edward "	19	M	
		Theodore "	16	M	
		Rebecca "	14	F	
		Mary "	11	F	
		Emma "	7	F	
		John W. "	4	M	
115	120	Sarah Vanclean	69	F	
		William "	44	M	
		Alice "	41	M	
		Mary A Barnaby	32	F	
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	Sarah		18	F	
	Mary	Masters	31	F	
	Florinda	"	8	F	
	Preston	"	5	M	
	Arsena	"	3	F	
155	William	Cooper	25	M	
	Rebecca	"	25	F	
	Henry	"	7/12	M	
156	Bopher	Coleman	56	M	Farmer
	Mary	"	51	F	
	Peter	"	24	M	Farmer
	Sarah A.	"	17	F	
157	Bopher	Coleman Jr.	24	M	Farmer
	Matilda	"	24	F	
	Emily	"	5	F	
	Peter F.	"	4	M	
	Abram	"	1	M	
158	Samuel	Coffman	22	M	Farmer
	Susan	"	20	F	
	Rhoda A.	"	1	F	
159	George	Snow	30	M	Merchant
	Lydia	"	28	F	
	Mary	"	3	F	
	Ann	"	2	F	

Coleman Family

Rita Bracha
P.O. Box 24
Ryegate MT 59074

March 10, 2003

I am sending a research report listing some of the sources I checked for your ancestors and also some copies that I hope will be helpful to you. However, I did not have much luck finding information on the parents of Samuel Coleman and Susan Jane Taylor.

I did find the marriage of Samuel and Susan Jane, but it took place in Parke County in 1847, not 1896. We don't have the actual Parke County marriages, so I am enclosing a copy from the index. At that time the marriage records did not give information on the parents of the bride and groom.

I suspected that Samuel was one of the Parke County Colemans as the name is fairly common there. Our Coleman family file contains a 1974 letter from a Mrs. Fred Coleman concerning the descendants of a Revolutionary War Jacob Coleman, believed to have died in Vermillion County IN. Jacob did have a son named Samuel, but your Samuel was probably born during the 1820's and would have been an appropriate age for a grandson. Zopher was a common first name among the Parke County Colemans, and I did find a will for a Zopher Coleman who named "heirs of my son Samuel". I don't know whether Zopher was related to Jacob. I also checked the Parke County will abstracts for Taylors but didn't find anyone who named Susan as an heir. Many people did not make wills but still left estates to be settled, so you might need to make a search of the Parke County probate records. I believe those have been filmed by the LDS Church and may be available from LDS Family History Centers.

I checked the heads of household index to the 1850 Indiana census and the every name index to the 1860 census but didn't find a Samuel Coleman with a wife Susan. Could they have left this area after their marriage? I also checked the index to the 1840 census, even though that census does not name the wives and children. I hoped that I would be able to find Taylors and Colemans living near each other, but the names are so common that it's hard to narrow down the possible matches. I did notice that a Henry Coleman and a Reuben Taylor were both listed on page 817 of the Montgomery County census.

You might try writing to the genealogical query column. Perhaps you might be able to get in touch with someone who knows about the Colemans and the Taylors. The address is: Genealogy, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, P.O. Box 149. Terre Haute IN 47808.

Thanks for the $3.00. It was enough for the copies and postage.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
One Library Square
Terre Haute, IN 47807

DATE: _____

VCPL RESEARCH REPORT FOR PARKE COUNTY

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surname(s) of: Taylor: Susan Jane m. Samuel Coleman in response to your request of _____.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
   Did not find _____ Found _____

(2.) Surname File:
   Did not find _____ Found Taylor Family File - 2 large files with much correspondence but did not mention Susan Coleman Family File - 1974 correspondence from Mrs. Fred Coleman (over)

3. Parke County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
   Did not find _____ Found Many Colemans but no Samuel or Susan; Many Taylors but only Susan was a Susan (Beard) Taylor

(4.) Parke County, Indiana, Marriage Records Book 1 (1831-1860)
   Did not find _____ Found p61 Coleman, Samuel + Susan Jane Taylor 8 April 1847

5. Parke County, Indiana, Land Records by Brown
   Did not find _____ Found _____

(6.) Parke County, Indiana, Old Land Entry Book by Weller
   Did not find _____ Found Coleman, Samuel P. p15; Thomas M. p16; Zopher pp 3, 17, 38; Zopher Jr. p38. P16 shows Henry Taylor in Sec. 28 T14N R6W & Thomas M. Coleman Sec. 29 T14N R6W

(7.) Abstracts of Parke County, Indiana, Guardian Bonds 1832-1858
   Did not find Coleman Found Taylors but not Susan Jane

(8.) Parke County, Indiana, Will Abstracts (1833-1893, in 3 vols.) and Will Index, 1833-1906
   Did not find _____ Found Vol 2 p72 - Zopher Coleman named "heirs of my son Samuel's" Taylors but not Susan Jane

9. Three Sections of Indexes of the Parke County Atlas of 1874
   Did not find _____ Found _____

(10.) Census Index for the year 1840 - 60 :
   Did not find _____ Found 1850 - Coleman, Samuel - Crawford Co p53 (He was age 29 + had a wife Sarah, also 29 & a 7 year old son)
   Crawford, Samuel - Montgomery Co p 540 (He was age 22 but no wife)

Other: (Also check other side)

#2 regarding Lindsey Coleman + his brothers Samuel & Isaac who were probably grandsons of Rev. War soldier Jacob Coleman. There was a Rev. War soldier Jacob Coleman, thought to have been buried in Vermillion County. He had seven children, including a Samuel.

#10 1840 Census - Every Name Index

Coleman Susan - age 33 - b OH - Jefferson Co p 532
" Susannah 47 OH Allen Co p 410
" " 28 OH Whitley Co p 806
" Saml D. 42 IN Pike Co p 210
" Samuel 31 OH Shelby Co p 614

No Samuel + Susan in same county

1840 - Coleman, Charles - Montgomery Co p 795
" Henry " " p 817
" Jacob " " p 737
" John " " p 735
" " " " p 739
" John M Putnam Co p 712
" L P Vermillion Co p 884
" Lemuel P. Parke Co p 286
" Zopher " " p 356

Colmon, John Owen Co p 177
Taylor, Abner - Montgomery Co p 693
" Andrew - Owen Co p 147
" Benjamin - Montgomery Co p 689
" Clarissa Parke Co p 264
" David " " p 284
" David M Sullivan Co p 161
" Edmund Clay Co p 629
" Elijah Vermillion Co p 921
" Francis Montgomery Co p 665
" George Vigo Co p 741
" Griffin Owen Co p 141
" Henry Vermillion Co p 879
" Isaac " " p 855
" Jacob Vigo Co p 743
" James Montgomery Co p 807
" " Parke Co p 264
" " Vigo Co p 747
" John Owen Co p 137
" " " " p 153
" John Vermillion Co p 931
Vigo Co p 747

#10 1840 Census

Taylor, Joseph - Vigo Co p 749
" Juniper " " p 749
" Margaret Parke Co p 312
" Matilda Vigo Co p 723
" Milton Parke Co p 354
" Nancy Vigo Co p 717
" " " " p 841
" Nathaniel - Montgomery Co p 677
" Presley - Parke Co p 354
" Reuben Montgomery Co p 817
" Robert " " p 723
" " Parke Co p 272
" S W Vigo Co p 719
" Samuel Owen Co p 137
" " " " p 153
" " " p 204
" " Parke Co p 332
" Saml Putnam Co p 718
" Stephen Parke Co p 364
" Thedore Vermillion Co p 935
" Thomas Montgomery Co p 771
" Thomas P. Owen Co p 123
" Vance Owen Co p 123
" Wilkins Parke Co p 350
" William Montgomery Co p 765
" " Owen Co p 143
" " Parke Co p 364
" Wm B Vigo Co p 831
" William I - Montgomery Co p 653

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2-21-2003

Samuel Coleman + Susan Jane Taylor
4-8-1846 Parke Co

Re: Census for
Vigo County Area
for family Samuel
Coleman & Susan Jane
Taylor. They were married
in Terre Haute Ind.
April 8, 1846

I am try to determe how
here (Susan Jane Taylor
's Parents were. She
was born 12-25-1831
Beaufort S.C.

Thank you
for your help

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Rita Bracha
PO Box 24
Ryegate, Mt. 59074

1850 Census
Samuel Coleman Crawford Co p 53
age 29 & wife Sarah 29 b Ind
son Francis 7

Coleman Samuel Montgomery
Co p 540 age 22, school
teacher - No wife

1850 Geo. Coleman Vigo p 218 - age 14
1860 Census - Coleman, Susan 53 OH
Jefferson Co p 332
Susannah - 47 - OH - Allen Co p 418
" 28 OH Whitley Co p 806

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 11, 1976

Arville L. Funk
ALFCO PUBLICATIONS
303 North Capitol Ave.,
Corydon, Ind. 47112

Dear Mr. Funk:

I have been unable to find any information at all about Charles Coleman. With the thought that it is possible that some of the present day names listed in the current telephone directory might be related, I have made a copy of the page. Perhaps you might like to send a form letter to them.

The other idea I had was that you could write to the Archives Division of the Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., 46204. They have service records of Indiana men in the Civil War and later wars.

I wonder if you are familiar with Of Garryowen in Glory, by Lt. Col. Melbourne C. Chandler, U. S. Army, It is a history of the 7th U. S. Cavalry, and was published by Turnpike Press, Inc., in Annandale, Va., in 1960. It has a good account of the battle, but nothing about Coleman. I made a copy of the account which occurred in our newspaper, but it had nothing about Coleman.

One thing I did find was in the 1868 Terre Haute City Directory - the only listing I found for him -"Coleman, C. works Clift and Williams Planing Mill." I tried to find him in the 1860 Census, but could not. The State Library has an Index to it, and they may have more success. There was a William Coleman in the Directory for 1862. I suppose he may have been his father.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division

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Sept. 11
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Vigo County Library

Terre Haute, Indiana 47801

I am presently working on a new book on the Hoosiers who served with Custer's 7th Cavalry Regiment in the Battle of the Little Bighorn on June 25, 1876. From my research I have located the following from your county, and I would like any additional information that you may furnish me in order that I can have a more complete record for my book:

Name	Born	Enlisted	Other Information
Coleman, Charles Cpl.	Terre Haute 1851?	Sept. 9,1873 at age 22,laborer	Co. F, killed in battle 6/25/76

I am enclosing a SAS envelope for your reply, if no other information is available or you could refer me to another source please indicate.

Very truly yours,

Arville L. Funk
ALFCO PUBLICATIONS
October 8, 1976

Coleman Family

Marriages of Amelia Co., Va 1735-1815

Compiled by Kathleen Booth Williams

Page

(1) 1 April 1782 - Adams, David and Rachel Coleman. Sur. Burwell Coleman. p A-1

(2) 10 April 1790. Allen, Daniel and Tabitha Coleman, dau. of Jesse and Sarah Coleman, who consent. Sur. Arahart Crowder. p. A-1

(3) 24 January 1812. Allen, Richard and Tabitha Coleman. Married by Rev. James Chappell. See Richard Allen. Ministers Return.

(11) 20 December 1808. Bevill, William and Elizabeth Coleman. Sur. Thomas Worsham. p. B-6

(11) 28 September 1797. Bevill, Joel and Sarah Talbot Coleman. Elizabeth Coleman consent. Wit to consent, John Neal, James Coleman and William Coleman. Sur. James Coleman. p B-6

(16) 9 February 1793. Brame, John and Frances Coleman, dau. of Daniel Coleman, Senr., who consent. Wit. to consent, Daniel Coleman Jr., Martha Coleman and Patha Coleman. Sur. Daniel Coleman. Married 14 February by Rev. Robert Walthall, who says. John Brame, Planter. p B-5

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(18) 2 January 1813. Browder, David and Mary Coleman. John Southall, her Guardian, consents and says Sarah Mary Coleman. Wit. to consent, Jesse Coleman and Henry H Southall. Sur. Jesse Coleman. Married 7 January by Rev.

(26) 9 February 1790. Clay, Jesse and Hannah Coleman. Sur. Daniel Coleman. p C-3

(26) 18 September 1809. Clay, John and Dolly Coleman. William and Anderson Coleman testify Dolly is of age Sur. William Coleman. p C-4

(27) 29 December 1787. Coleman, Archer and Liza Bevill, dau. of James Bevill, who consents. Wit. to consent, Burwell Coleman and Robert Bevill. Sur. John Southall. Married by Rev John Brunskill p. C-3

(27) 22 July 1782. Coleman, Burrel (Burwell?) and Lucy Bevill, dau of James Bevill who consents. Wit. to consent, Edmd Clardy and James Bevill. Sur. James Clardy. p C-2

(28) 13 March 1782. Coleman, Cain and Mary Wilson. Sur. John Wilson. Cain is son of Daniel Coleman, who consents. p. C-2

(28) 30 December 1805. Coleman, Jesse and Frances Southall, dau. of John Southall. Sur. "Burnel" Southall. p C-5

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pages.

(28) 26 March 1807. Coleman, John and Mary Talley, dau. of John Talley. Sur. Wm. H. Cabell. p C-4

(28) 4 May 1799. Coleman, Robert and Elizabeth Perkinson Sis. Joel Perkinson. p C-4

(28) 24 February 1787. Coleman, Solomon and Mildred Perkinson, dau. of Jeremiah Perkinson, who consents. Wit to Consent, Robert Bevill Sam Purkinson and Mildred Perkinson. Sur. Isaac Coleman. p C-3

(28) 1 October 1796. Coleman, William and Nancy Clay, dau. of Jesse Clay. Sur. Henry N. Southall p C-5

(51) 14 September 1805. Hawkins, Grief B. and Fatha Coleman Daniel Coleman writes: "Let Grief B. Hockins and Fatha Coleman have a licelse." Wit. to request, Samuel Ligon and Grief Powell. Sur. Richard Powell. p H-3

(68) 8 August 1792. Lester, Archer and Dicey Coleman. Sur. John Green. Married 12 August by Rev. Robert Walthall, who says Archer Lester, Planter. p L-

(76) 26 October 1791. Mitchell, Pleasant and Rebecca Coleman, dau. of Daniel Coleman, who consents. Sur. Thos. T. Brooking. Married by Rev. John Brunskill. p M-3

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Pages.

(80) 17 November 1812. Neal, Joel and Usley Coleman. George Kidd consents for Usley. Wit. to consent, Thomas Neal and Herod T. Crowder. Sur. Thomas Neal. Wit. to bond, Thomas W. Powell. John Neal consents for Joel Neal. Married 24 November by Rev. James Chappell. p N-1

(80) 31 December 1777. Neal, John and Anne Coleman. Sur. Joseph Crowder. p N-1

(81) 28 July 1803. Old, Baptist and Nancy Coleman, dau of Birdsell Coleman, who consents. Wit. to consent, Thomas Worsham. Sur. Archer Coleman. p O-1
Note on back: "Chamberlain Jones testifies that Thomas Worsham says the inside is true."

(84) 22 July 1802. Perdue, Paschal and Nancy W. Coleman, who writes her own consent. Wit. to consent, Allen Hood and Francis Epes. On the back of this is: "Caia Coleman gives consent to within marriage." Wit. to his consent, Allen Hood. Sur. Francis Epes. p P-2

(84) 5 May 1801. Perkinson, Joel and Elizabeth Coleman, dau. of Elizabeth Coleman, Sr., who consents. Wit. to consent, Thos. T. Wills and Robert Tanner. Sur. Robert Tanner. Married 16 May by Rev. Walthall Robertson. p P-2

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Pages

(85) 22 February 1812. Piller, Dearen and Dicey Coleman, dau. of Archer Coleman, who consent and says Darien Pillar. Wit. to consent, Thomas Wordham and John Piller. Sur. Thomas Worsham. Married 26 February by Rev. James Chappell. p P-3

(86) 14 December 1807. Pollard, Joseph and Elizabeth Coleman who writes her own consent. Wit. to consent, William Coleman, [redacted] Brapton Coleman and Thomas Neal. Sur. Brapton Coleman. p P-2

(87) 20 April 1797. Powell, Richard and Martha Coleman. Sur. Jordan Hood. p P-2

(87) 15 October 1796. Powell, Robert and Sally Coleman. Sur. Jos: Coleman. p P-2

(104) 25 December 1781. Talley, Lodwick and Mary Talley. Consent of Daniel Coleman and Mary Talley, 24 December 1781 says Molley. Sur. William Old. p T-1

(108) 23 January 1793. Tucker, Thomas and Mary Coleman, who writes her own consent. Wit. to consent, Benjamin Woodback (?). Sur. Evan Mitchell. Married 28 January by Rev. Robert Walthall, who says: Thomas Tucker, Planter. P T-2

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Pages.

(108) 13 August 1800. Tucker, Thomas and Elizabeth Coleman Sur. Martin Chandler. Married 16 August by Rev. Walthall Robertson. p T-2

(111) 31 August 1795. Wald, Burwell and Prudence Coleman, who writes her own consent, dated 31 August 1795. Wit. to consent, William Adams and David a Barnes. Sur. Laban Coleman. p W-5-a

Coleman Family

Marriages of Pittsylvania Co., Va. 1806-1830
Compiled by Kathleen Booth Williams

Pages

(13) 15 October 1827. Drury B. Blair and Chloe T. Coleman, dau of Chloe Coleman who consents. Sur. Johnson Coleman. Married 10 November by Rev. William Blair. p 87

(28) 29 September 1817. James H. Clark and Nancy W. Coleman Sur. Stephen Coleman. p 63

(29) 3 September 1809. Daniel S. Coleman and Nancy Robertson, dau. of George Robertson. Sur. James Robertson. Married 4 Sept. by the Rev. William Blair. p. 46

(29) 21 July 1824. Joel Coleman and Milly Robertson, dau. of Christopher Robertson who consents, Sur. Samuel Hutchings. Married 2 August by the Rev. James Beck p 70 (Is this a double wedding? See Samuel Hutchings)

(29) 31 October 1827. Johnson Coleman and Martha G. Douglas dau. of John Douglass who consents. Sur. Edward Douglass. Married 6 November by the Rev. Griffith ~~Douglass~~ Dickinson. p 88

(29) 11 September 1824. Matthew W. Coleman and Mary Goodwin dau. of Jane Goodwin who consents. Sur. William Ma... p. 80

(29) 7 January 1820. Robert Coleman and Sarah Crews, da... of Susannah Crews who consents. Sur. John Crews. Married 13 Jan. by the Rev. Shadrack Mustain. p 7

Marriages of Pittsylvania Co., Va 1806 - 1830

Pages.

(29) 4 November 1816. Stephen Coleman and Susannah Robertson, dau. of George Robertson who signs the certificate. Surt. Allen Stokes. Married 7 Nov. by the Rev. William Blair. p 60

(59) 15 December 1823. Abner Fulton and Pamealy Coleman. Sur. Spilsby Coleman. Chloe Coleman, mother of Pamealy, says her daughter is of age, and Pamealy writes Her own consent. p 77

(63) 18 January 1819. Geo. John Glascock and Anna R. Coleman. Sur. Daniel Coleman. Married by the Rev. Griffith Dickinson. p 68

(64) 6 May 1814. Thomas Glascock and Sarah Coleman dau of Daniel Coleman. Sur. Daniel Coleman. p 56

(72) 29 September 1828. Robert Harper and Eliza C. Coleman, dau of Ste. Coleman who consents. Surt Stephen M. Coleman. Married 30 Sept. by the Rev. John G. Mills p 91

(73) 24 December 1822. William Harper and Sarah W. Coleman dau. of Ste. Coleman, whose consent says Sally W. Sur. Thomas Glascock. p 75

Marriages of Pittsylvania Co., Va 1806 - 1830

Pages

(85) 28 December 1829. Crispin James and Tempe Grant. Sur. Henry W Coleman. One parent wrote a consent and failed to sign it. Witnesses to consent: Anna Grant, Dalla Grant, Henry W. Coleman. Married 29 Dec. by the Rev. Griffith Dickinson. p 94

(125) 21 September 1819. Thompson Price and Lucy Coleman, dau of Chloe Coleman who consents. Sur. Johnson Coleman. p 69.

(125) 20 March 1826. William Price and Ann S Coleman, who gives her own consent. Chloe Coleman signs the certificate saying that Ann is of age Sur. Spilsby Coleman. p 86

(132) 17 December 1810. George Robertson and Elizabeth Coleman dau of Cloe Coleman. Sur Daniel Coleman. Married 25 Dec. by the Rev. William Blair. p 49

(132) 21 January 1811. James Robertson and Patsey S. Coleman, dau of Cloe Coleman. Patsey writes her own consent. Sur. Joseph Carter. Married 24 Jan by the Rev William Blair. p 51

(147) 15 October 1822. Pleasant Sayers and Polly Coleman. Sur Spilsby Coleman. Chloe T. Coleman, mother of Polly, says Polly is of age. Both she and Polly sign the certificate. Married 17 Oct by the Rev. William Blair. p 76

Marriages of Pittsylvania Co., Va 1806 - 1830

pages.

(165) 2 September 1811. Francis Ward and Polly Coleman, who writes her own consent. Sur. Daniel Coleman. P 5

(165) 17 October 1815. Robert Ware and Sally W Coleman. Sur. Stephen Coleman. p 59

(35) 16 October 1826. George W. Dabbs and Elizabeth W. Coleman. Sur. Daniel Coleman. Married 19 Oct. by the Rev. John W. Kelly. p 85

Mr. Abraham McCulloh

Mar 6-19

Sarah Coleman

Wheeling

Virginia

25

Mem 7 March

Coleman Family

Sarah b 1765
sister of Abraham McCulloch
Donated by Mrs. B.M. Marlin
(nee McCulloch)
3 Tarryton Court
Monroe OH 45050

Merrim March 6th 1819

Dear brother I feel my heart flow with gratitude that there is a way made possible to convey our thought to each other tho the distance may be very grate as in the present case we are all well and I have had better helth since I left you than I had any right to expect the journey being very tegious and the last part of it disagreable and the house not very warm but I believe it the warmest in this plaise I was very glad to get a letter from you as it was the first that I had got the same male fetch us several for which we ware very thankfull I have not much to rite you but think while I am filling my paper I am with you you injoined one thing on me before we parted and I found I could not do otherwise what is thought about it I cannot tell as I have no one hear that I reveal my mind to you know what it was and keep it to your self we shall be very glad to hear from you at any time and will be also glad you and the childrin would time your letters so we cold hear more frequent as we think the time long since we came here brothe John has never we have not seen one soul from that place rote me one line since I left him I wish you would see him and know if I have not done as he wished me to do as I have rote several letters to him as for what the boys rites I know nothing about it as I see none of there letters we would be very glad to see some of the boys here if it would suit them to come

and not otherwise I think they may make it convenient to fitch a lode of produce as flour will fetch from seven to eight dollars per barral whisky one dollar a gallon salt is five dollars a bushel by the barral here we are growing that now I expect apples and good sider would sell well flax linning will fetch from fifty to seventy five cents a yard good strong shoes would sell well any kind of contry made shoes I think if I had as much property as you have I could make up a lode very quick I must tell you our things is at evensville at piggots yet we got but few of them with us I expect sally Ravens has got to her fathers by this time she was hear some time it made me almost think I was with you at first but the distance I find some of our society hear we have preaching in this place we will have the sunsit preaching here they preach in samuels office he is very friendly to them but does not consider himself give my love to all your children James and Nancy hades not excepted tell Sally I will write to her but with my own hand but I have worn out my pen and Samy is not at home and dare not free any letters without he has an intrest or line in them and one

enough to pray for at once I intended
to write to brother george but it is getting
two late I remain your affectionate
sister and hope you still feel
the same still remember me at the
throne of grace where you still
freshest to my mind give my love to
sister Edeecy and except the same
your self Sarah Colbreath

Abraham McColloch

Coleman Family

NAME	NAME	DATE	PREACHER
Colman, John	Lambert, Sally	Jan.9,1831	Burnap
Colton, Daniel	Pierce, Sarah Ann	Jan.6,1839	Hussey
Coltrin, Ira	Benjamin, Liddy	Dec.24,1829	Crosley, John
Coltrin, John	Reeves, Minerva	Dec.24,1848	Allen, Myron H.-J.P.
Coltrin, Nelson	McMullen, Elenor	Nov.15, 1838	Edmunds
Combs, Isaac	Loveless, Mary L.	Aug.18,1837	Stansil
Combs, John	Pounds, Lucinda	Sept.25,1834	Edmunds
Combs, Mahlon	Goddard, Sally	Jan.24,1833	Anderson, M.G.-J.P.
Combs, Nathaniel	Puckett, Jane	Nov.29, 1846	Eldridge, William B.
Combs, William	Jirless, Caroline	Aug.13,1838	Staggs, Athel
Compton, Almerin	Ferril, Nancy	Mar.10,1831	None given
Compton, Israel	Turner, Sarah Ann	Mar.17,1839	Hussey
Compton, William	Pierce, Elizabeth	Dec.15,1839	Leavitt, William H.-J.P.
Conn, George	Cheeney, Eunice	June 25,1823	Wood
Conn, Nelson, W.	Conn, Almy T.	Oct.15,1846	Allen, Myron H.-J.P.
Connelly, Patrick	Harrington, Julia M.	Aug.22,1850	Salumiere, Simon P.
Conner, Alexander	Bates, Polly	July 7,1847	Jones, Joseph E.- J.P.
Conner, Flemon	Bond, Melinda	Apr.12,1849	Cooper, Samuel
Conner, Hugh	Phillips, Catherine	B. Aug.3,1820	Dickson
Conner, Samuel	Conner, Theresa	Apr.3,1847	Jones, Joseph E.- J.P.

Report for the month of August 1862

Date	Names	AGE Yrs.	Mo.	wks.	Days	Disease	Lot	Block	Remarks
Aug. 1	Lizzie Swales	1	6			Summer comp.	N.E. 1/4 9	25	
" 1	Caroline Wells	2			4	" "	1.00		
" 4	Annie McFall		11			" "			
" 6	Ralph Merry		8			" "	W. 1/2 14	2 Div. B. 38 16	Pauper
" 6	John Gerdan	86				Congestive chill	2	36	
" 7	Fred Connor	26				Billions fever	1.00		
" 8	Woman R.R. Killed	45							
" 9	Wm. Bowden	28				not known	1.00		Pauper
" 9	Infant of Andy Craft						1.00		
" 9	Sergent Dreblow	24				Sun stroke	S.W. 1/4 4	0 Div. C 38-16	
" 11	Isaac Coleman	61				Consumption			Pauper
" 11	Frank Savier	1	4			Lock Jaw			"
" 13	John Wood	35				Consumption	1.00		
" 15	James Oakey	50				Typ. fever	1.00	5 Div. C. 38-16	
" 15	Isaac Hill	4				Unknown			Negro
" 17	Louisa M. Conn		10		10	Summer comp.	1.00		
" 19	David Smith	3	11			not known	1.00		

Report of the Superintendent of the City Cemetery (Woodlawn), Terre Haute, Ind. From June 1st 1857 to 1865 Inclusive. H. V. Milns Superintendent

1850 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: INDIANA County: PARKE Town / Township: JACKSON TWP Page 317

Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
#1	Absolem Morland	38	M				TENN				
	Eliza "	40	F				"				
	Andrew "	18	M								
	MANERVA E "	15	F								
	Lydia "	13	F								
	Richard "	11	M								
	George "	8	M								
	Dorothy "	6	F								
	Mariah "	5	F								
	Lewis "	3	M								
	William "	1	M								

Coleman Family

HUSBAND	WIFE	DATE OF MARRIAGE	WITTNESS
Clahan, John	Moran (Karey) Ellen	Apr. 20, 1851	Charles Connor
			Julia Collen
Coleman, John	Down, Margaret	Jan. 9, 1853	Patrick Fitsgerald
			Elizabeth Kelly
Connor, James	Hennen, Mary	_____ 1852	Patrick Connors
			Bridget Heenan
Connelly, Patrick	Harrington (Mehin) Julia	Aug. 22, 1850	Michael Connelly
			Margaret Lehey
Deady, Thomas	Dowd, Margaret	Nov. 2, 1852	Charles Connor
			Debby Connor
			Daniel Dowd
			Mary Long
Daly, Francis	Campbell, Ellen	Nov. 29, 1849	Michael Lynch
			Mary Ann Mullen
Delaney, James	Brosnahan, Margaret	Jan. 29, 1853	Martin Brenehen
			Mary Flinn
Dise, John H.	Jarboe, Martha	June 10, 1844	
Dougherty, Patrick	Irwin, Elizabeth	June 18, 1848	Patrick Weldon
			Susan Williams
Dowling, James	Haley, Bridget	March 19, 1851	Patrick Malone
			Catherine Lcallait ?

Coleman Family

NAME	NAME OF PARENTS	BORN	DATE OF BAPT.	GOD F.	GOD M.
Clark, Mary	Richard Clark & Ann Hall	12/1843			Ann McDonald
Coakley, Jerry	Cornilia Coakley & Mary Wolf	10/10/1850	10/20/1850	James Crowley	Mary Hays
Cogen, Mary	John Cogen & Elizabeth Hatter	8/25/1848		John McCarthy	Mary Stanton
Cohen, John	Michael Cohen & Catherine Marley	2/14/1849		Rev. W. Doyle	Margaret Tully
Coleman, Mary	James Coleman & Margaret Dinon	12/28/1854		John Higgins	Mary Roach
Collin, James	James P. Collins & Ellen Collins	2/9/1851		Patrick Collins	Margaret Kenne
Collins, Mary	James Collins & Ellen Collins	7/31/1849		Michael Ryan	Catherine Riod-son
Conley, Ann	James Conley & Eliza Kenney	4/1/1854	4/17/1854	Patrick Connelley	Sarah Cahill
Cook, Charles	George Cook & Elisabeth Basly	10/8/1851		Jasper Kirkner	Margaret Kirk-ner
Corry, Julia	Wm. Corry & Jane _____	3/24/1844		Mr. & Mrs. Murphy	
Corry, William	Wm. Corry & Jane _____	10/14/1840		Mr. & Mrs. Murphy	

Newtown, Ind. 47969
June IO, I974

Dear Mrs. Clark,

Received your letter today concerning your services as a genealogist for me. I would love to have you prove many things for me but you know I have employed persons and after paying them they never came up with anything for me. However you do seem to have some information that I would like to have.

My husband's great grandfather, Lindsey Coleman, a native of Virginia is supposed to be the brother of Isaac and Samuel. Lindsey came to Parke County we think from maybe Putnam County, met and married an Elizabeth Bowers in I822 and in a few years moved into Fountain County.

Now Isaac and Samuel were in Vigo County and even Vermillion Counties and were supposed to have been born in Kentucky which could very readily be true ~~and~~ as perhaps his folks moved there soon after Lindsey was born. Finally Isaac and Samuel came into Fountain County residing in Attica and were very prominent men in those days. Isaac gave the land for the city of Covington designating it to be the county seat.

I think Samuel, Isaac, and Lindsey were probably children of John M. who was the son of Jacob Coleman. Have heard that one of the men had been with Harrison and fell in love with this part of the country and came here to live. I know Samuel and Isaac were in the War of I8I2 with the Ohio militia.

Probably Jacob Coleman received bounty land from war service or maybe John M. did from services in the War of I8I2 is the reason they came this way. Isaac and Samuel paid for their land with cash from both the Crawfordsville and Terre Haute Land office.

Of course I am trying to prove that John M. was the son of Jacob Coleman and that ~~Samuel, Lindsey~~, Isaac, (Lindsey our ancestor) and Samuel were sons of John M.

I am enclosing a check for $9.00 for which you can send me that much worth of searching. If you have expenses like wills, photo copies, etc. I will pay extra for that.

We have also heard that some sister in the family had the married name of Fountain or Fountaine and he was a Major killed in the War of I8I2 and so Isaac Coleman named the county after him. Also that one of the Coleman's probably John M. was a good friend of Commodore Perry and Harrison gave him the privilege of naming of Perrysville so it named it after his good friend, Perry. Am sure this is true. Seems a

Blair was also with John M. Coleman and they were squatters in Vermillion County expecting to purchase the land when it came up for sale but a man by the name of Collet beat them to it so they moved on farther north around Perrysville and into Fountain County.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Fred H. Coleman
Newtown, Ind. 47969

P.S. If Lindsey Coleman & Elizabeth Bowers met and married in Parke County about 1822 where would they have gotten a marriage license?

I want photo copies of pages or something to prove all statements true to be legal for D.A.R. for my daughter.

I have joined 4 lines for DAR on my maternal grandfather's side in 2 years since I retired from teaching. and want to establish the Coleman line if possible.

I am sure Parke Co. was made from Vigo County so maybe there would be information on Lindsey (brother of John, Samuel, & Isaac) in records there.

Lindsey Coleman, our brick dap, came to Parke Co. in 1822 where he met and married an Elizabeth Powers B. in Ohio.

On census Isaac & Samuel said they were born in Kentucky which could be true. Kentucky to "crossbones" ~~If not, I fear the symbol of Indiana as the "Crossroads of America" may turn~~ Thank-you

half of them. To get them back will require a hard, but enduring battle.

state by 1792 (work it?) Since John M. was oldest he was probably born in Virginia, too.

Line — To prove

Jacob Coleman 1748-1828
M. 1783 to Sarah McCullough

children

John M. Coleman B. 1784 M. Nancy Roseman
Elizabeth Linthouse
Mary Jane White

Elizabeth B. 1788 M. Jesse Magee
Mary Winter Brooks

Samuel McCullough Coleman B. 1793 M. Jane Van Lowan

Isaac B. 1797 M. Melinda Waddell
Rachel T. Crumrey

Sarah M. James Blair
James Reed
Samuel McDonald

Mary

Tabitha

Lindsey B. 1795 in Va. M. Elizabeth Bowers
in Parke Co.

name not on list

Had Henry Coleman who was grandfather of my husband.

You notice Isaac Lindsey to this list.

Henry named a son Lindsey, too.

(Over)

Let me know what I owe for these

Have you a marriage record for a Lindsey Coleman + Elizabeth Bowers about 1822

No

Mrs. Fred Coleman
Newtown, Ind.
47969

Have you a mill made by Jacob Coleman who died in about 1828

(Revolutionary War Veteran)

Mrs. Fred Coleman
Newtown, Ind. 47969

Have you a mill for John M. Coleman — Would be after 1830? —

Mrs. Fred Coleman
Newtown, Ind. 47969

There are 18 references to John M. Coleman in one Vigo Co. history alone...much information about him in many sources of local history. Other Colemans listed are Isaac, John, Mary, Sally(Lambert), Samuel and W.J. The name is also spelled Colman. Jacob Coleman is listed as being buried in Vermillion Co., Ind. in 1828.

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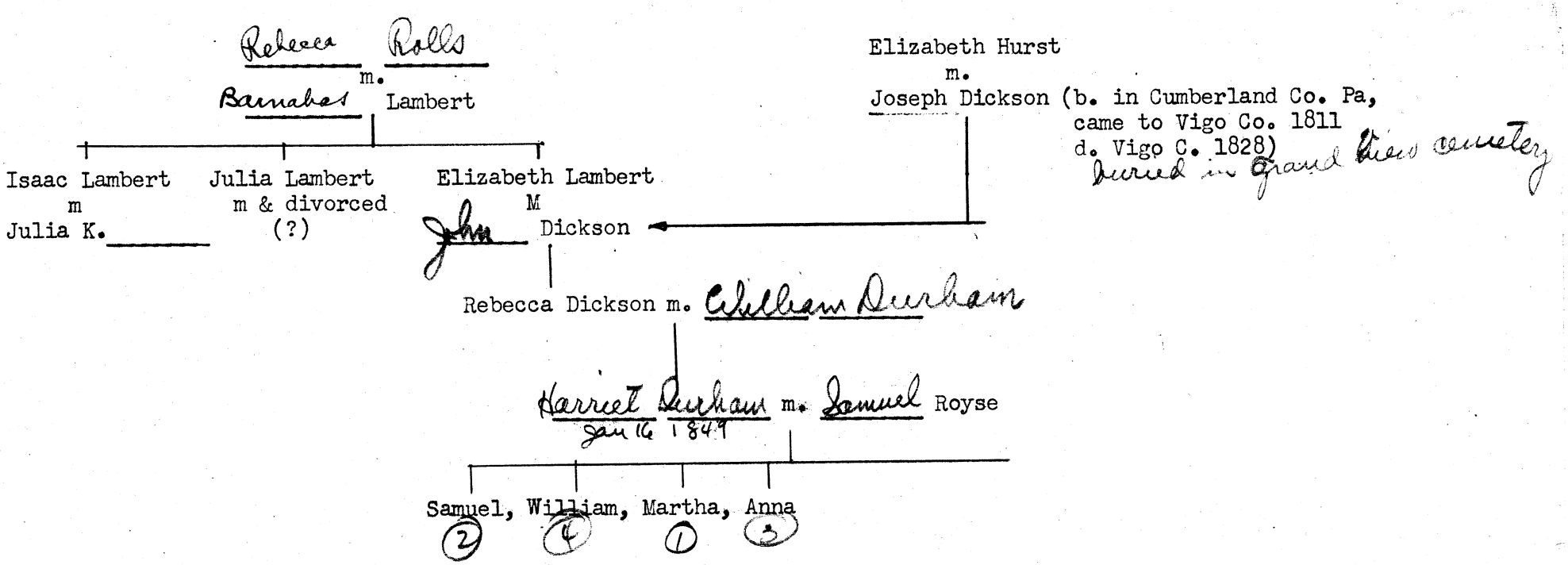

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

COLEMAN Family

June 18, 1974

Mrs.Fred Coleman
Newtown,Indiana 47969

Dear Mrs.Coleman:

Thank you for your communication of June 10 and the enclosed check in the amount of $9.00 for three hours of genealogical research. I'm sorry you have had bad luck with employing persons. Research is very frequently negative for the payer because what the payee is seeking for her is just not there!

As Past Regent and still Registrar of Fort Harrison Chapter DAR, I can better understand your problem now that you tell me you are seeking DAR eligibility for your daughter. First of all, have you contacted DAR National Registrar regarding anyone who may have already proved the line? See enclosed photocopy of DAR PATRIOT INDEX for Jacob Coleman who may or may not be the ancestor you are seeking. Also see enclosed photocopy of O"Byrne's REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN INDIANA, PAGE 100, for the Jacob Coleman mentioned.

I would write to: Registrar General, NSDAR, 1776 D St.,Washington,D.C. and ask for application papers of latest applicant on his line(send $2.00 for photocopies) and state that you are particularly interested in establishing eligibility for your daughter thru Lindsey Coleman, her gr.gr.grfather.

In the meantime you might read over the several references I was able to find for the name Coleman in Vigo County references:

Bradsby's HISTORY OF VIGO COUNTY, publ.1890 offers the following:

p.281-Earle's memories of trip to Terre Haute, June, 1833 - "...I saw a cotton factory, windmills invented by a man named Coleman..."

p.385-Earle's memories-"...In the country around Terre Haute many of the farmers were equally respectable: Mr.Coleman,etc..."

p.582-"...the first postoffice in Coleman's hat..."

p.191-"John M. Coleman to Samuel Jacobs, Lbt 9, Terre Haute, Aug.11,1818"

p.191-"Isaac Coleman to Ezra Jones, ne¼ Sec.35.Township 12,Range 9,May 27,1818"

p.199-"Proprietors TH to John M.Coleman, Lot 95, Oct.31,1816"
"Joseph Kitchell, agent to John M.Coleman, Lot 95,Oct.21,1816"

p.190-"Eliakim Crosby to John M.Coleman, 40 acres se¼Sec.15,T12,R9, 1817"
"Baily Johnson,sheriff Sullivan Co. to Samuel Coleman,39 acres se¼ Sec.4, T10, R10, Oct.29,1817"

p.193-"John M.Colman to Samuel Jacobs, Lot 95, Aug.11,1818"

p.181-"John M. Colman, 1816...listed his estray mark at court house,1819"

p.156-"John M.Coleman listed as arriving in Vigo County, 1816"

p.139-"Mr.Gilbert was elected first county clerk over Mr.John M.Coleman..."

p.193-"John M.Coleman to James Athee, ne¼ Sec.9 and sw¼ of sw¼ of Sec.4, R12, T5, April 12,1819"

p.194-"L.H.Scott,sheriff,to John M.Coleman, Lot 99, May 14,1819"

p.195-"Lucius H.Scott,collector to John M.Coleman, ne¼ Sec.22,T.12,R9, Nov.22,1819"

p.199-"John M.Coleman to John Campbell,ne¼Sec.22,T12,R9, Jan.4,1822"

p.211-"TH Co. to John M.Coleman, Lot 137, April 14,1826"

p.213-"Indiana to Demas Deming & John M.Coleman, 20 acres south side of se¼ of Sec.15,T12,R9, June 5,1827"

p.219-"John M.Coleman to SS Collett, ne¼Sec.15 and 40 acres of se¼ Sec.15 and east½ of se¼ of Sec.9 and e½ of sw¼ of Sec.9,T12,R9,Feb.12,1828"

p.220-"John M.Colman to Joseph V.Warner, Lot 137, Mar.5,1828"

p.224-"John M.Coleman to Jas.Farrington,35 acres of ne¼ Sec.22 and 60 acres of se¼ of Sec.15, T12,R9, Aug.9,1829"

p.222-"Jonathan Lyon to Charles B.Naylor, part of Out-Lot 1, Elisha M. Huntington, commissioner, to Samuel Coleman, trustee, heirs of William Winter, Nov.25,1829"

p.231-"Elisha M.Huntington, commissioner, to Samuel Coleman, trustee for heirs of Wm.Winter, se¼ Sec.35, sw¼ of Sec.35, se¼Sec.25, sw¼Sec.25, nw½ Sec.25, T12, R9 and se w¼ Sec.34, T13, R9, Nov.25,1830"

p.288-"John M.Coleman was appointed by legislature as one of county seat commissioners for new county of Parke county formed out of northern part of Vigo county - Jan.8,1821"

p.289-"May 13,1818-John M.Coleman is allowed $300 in part payment for building the foundation walls and piers of the court house...next meeting was June 25 following, when an additional payment of $60 was allowed for John M. Coleman."

p.293-"The county commissioners who signed the records for 1820 were John M. Coleman..."

p.295-"April 8,1823, Jas.Blake and John M.Coleman filed their report of the survey of State road..."

p.322-"...elected clerk over John M.Coleman, his opponent, it is not known by what majority, as the ancient election returns are not to be found. And it is not to the disparagement of Mr. Coleman to know that he was beaten by Curtis Bilbert..."

p.343-"July,1818-first meeting of Vigo Probate Court...John M.Coleman moved to ~~XXXXX~~ revoke letters to Chunn, and have letters himself, which was done(this was in estate of John Lynch)...Oct.1818-John M.Coleman named as one of securities of estate of Jonathan Murdock."

p.356-"Jan.6,1831-John Moleman and Sally Lambert - marriage license"

p.464-"Feb.18,1830, issue of early local newspaper= a legal notice entitled Otis Brandon vs. Samuel Coleman and Mary, his wife...heirs of Wm.Winter, petition to sell real estate."

p.465-"regular TH postoffice in 1818, and John M.Coleman was the first postmaster. He kept the office in his hat for some time...weighed down by his old-style bandana. This made it very convenient, and was the first real free delivery in the country. Whereever you saw him he would take off his hat and hand you your mail out, if the postage, 25¢, was prepaid, but otherwise you could look at it, and start out on a serious campaign to find the quarter..."

p.494-"Heading Factory(made barrels) is now(1890) being built by W.J.Coleman."

Beckwith's HISTORY OF VIGO & PARKE COUNTIES, publ.1880 offered:

p.407-"Job Coleman, preacher at Liberty Christian Church(Disciples) in Section 33, Riley Township, Vigo County."

Probably most interesting item I was able to find in the limited time was the enclosed photocopy of pages 310 and 311 from MONTGOMERY,PARKE & FOUNTAIN COUNTIES, publ 1893...a biographical sketch of Henry Coleman...this sounds like the line you outlined in your letter?

The three hours research time has been well used up...I hope you feel you have something useful from it. If my services are needed further, please let me hear from you. The amount of your check will indicate the number of hours you wish me to devote to the research.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy J. Clark(Mrs.Robert I.)
Professional Genealogist
2032 North 8th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47804

Enclosures: 4 photocopy pages

Newtown, Ind. 47969

June I9, I974

Dear Mrs. Clark,

Received your letter today and I do thank you for all your information.

I have an application from DAR for Jacob Coleman but not sure that it is the latest application but will write again. I have found his name in DAR Patriot Index (have the latest edition of that book) I have read the story of Henry Coleman and his father Lindsey Coleman in our Beckwith's History of Fountain County (Have that book, too).

I also have Jacob Coleman's record in O'Byrne's Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Indiana.

We are sure that a Samuel, and Isaac Coleman, and John M. were brothers as they are named as children of Jacob Coleman as listed in his application DAR file. We or our Coleman history book tells us that Isaac Coleman was the great great uncle of my husband which would make him a ~~brother~~ son also of Jacob Coleman and a brother of Samuel and ~~Isaac~~ Lindsey (Great grandfather on Mother's side) Coleman. His name was Lindsey but it doesn't give him as a son of Jacob Coleman with other brothers and sisters. Of course that could be as many times they do not list ALL the children, many times on DAR applications.

The applicant on the DAR papers lists a Samuel Coleman, grandson of Jacob Coleman as an ancestor who married in Fountain County which is information on him I have. Seems several grandchidlren were named Samuel. So ~~she~~ applicant has traced the line to Fountain County. She was from Ohio.

Seems what I have to prove for DAR eligibility is that Isaac, Samuel, and Lindsey and John M. were brothers and children of Jacob Coleman. Were sisters.

As I have said family "hand me downs" have always thought they were brothers. Lindsey first settled in Parke County just across the border from Putnam County where we first find Jacob Coleman and John M. Coleman in Indiana. Then he moved up into Fountain County, not too far, and so did Samuel and Isaac. Also John M. came up into Vermillion County just bordering

Fountain County. Isaac and Samuel finally settled in Attica, Fountain County, but Isaac gave the land for the county seat, Covington.

But no where can I find their father's name, Jacob, mentioned but of course records are few.

I am just presuming that all were sons of Jacob. Since all at one time or another were in the same area and born about the same time from I784 to I795. Think John M. Coleman was the eldest. Also a sister married a Blair and I have found his name associated with Isaac and Samuel and Blair owned land near where Lindsey settled in Fountain County in Wabash and Fulton Townships south of Covington.

I know this is a jumbled mass of information. Doubt if you can make it out. Have sent for more information on land grants etc. Still hoping for some more links.

So if we can prove Lindsey, Isaac, and Samuel and John M. were all brothers we should have it made.

Am enclosing another $9,00 check. Maybe you can find something with that. I doubt if Lindsey was ever in Vigo County as it stands to day but not sure. Understand Parke County was made from Vigo County is the reason.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fred H. Coleman

Am going to Vermillion County soon to see if I can find a will or deed etc.

Think Isaac & Samuel were back in War of 1812 in Ohio

Am not so poor I Love to use this paper but like to save.

Coleman Family

July 6, 1974

Mrs.Fred H.Coleman
Newtown,Ind.47969

Dear Mrs. Coleman:

Thank you for your letter of June 26 and the enclosed check in the amount of $6.00. Here is what I have been able to find on the questions you raised in your letter.

According to the enclosed photocopies you will see the source book you found in the Newport library is incorrect. Coleman had nothing to do with laying out the town of Terre Haute. An inquiry at the State Library would undoubtedly bring the correct information about the laying out of Indianapolis, a competent engineer of much later date.

To finish out the time alloted by the fee, I located the following data which may of may not find a place in your Coleman family tree.

O'Donnell's book-NEW PORT & VERMILLION TWP.(Verm.Co.)1824-1924, page 21= s e cor of n e ¼ of Section 16,T17N, R9W...one of two most important locations in Vermillion County,Ind..."James Blair was a squatter who came to that location along with Isaac Coleman in 1816 and since the land was not for sale yet, he could be nothing but a "squatter," and, like so many, when the land did go on sale someone else got it. Both Blair and Coleman were very important early ppolple, Blair a little later founding the town of Perrysville and Coleman founding the town of Covington."

page 18= James Coleman, 1847, Section 14, Vermillion Twp.,Vermillion Co.,Ind. there is a map on page 16...there was no Coleman listed in the earliest settlers of Vermillion Twp. on page 15.

In my files I find John M. Coleman was appointed postmaster(first) of town of Terre Haute in 1817 and resigned early in Feb.,1828...in another mention, he bought up a lot of hogs in 1824 and 1825, loaded them on a flatboat, and both boat and cargo were sunk below Natchez. He paid one cent a pound for the pork! The first Vigo County court house was built in 1818...John M. was paid $1905.04½ for building foundation walls.

An L.P.Coleman was listed in the 1840 census of Vermillion Twp.,Vermillion Co., but not in 1850.....that was only listing there.

O'Donnell's book-EUGENE TOWNSHIP(Vermillion C.,Ind.)1824-1924, page 357, lists Hiram Coleman, age 46, b.Mass. in the 1850 census in bordering Highland Twp. he had a wife Sarah, 38, b. Ohio; children: Charles, 7, Ind.; William, 5, Missouri; Sam, 2, Missouri; and Milton, 1, Ind.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy J.Clark(Mrs.Robert I.)

Newtown, Ind. 47969

June 26, I974

Dear Mrs. Clark,

Since writing to you I was in the library in Newport, county seat of Vermillion County. I found there in a history book, that Judge J.M. Coleman or John M. Coleman who was the son of Lt. Jacob Coleman, born in Virginia and a Revolutionary dying in either Vigo or Vermillion County in I828, laid out the town of Terre Haute and said he was an engineer. From Vermillion County where he came in about I8~~1~~9 he went to Iowa and founded Iowa City, Iowa/ in the I830's,

I am wondering if you can find me any information on this fact of him founding the town of Terre Haute or maybe laying it out? I know he was an importan~~t~~ man in his day.

Judge J.M. Coleman was born in Virginia in I784 and came to this part of Indiana in the I8I0-I824. He was supposed to lay out the ciyt of Indianapolis also.

Am so anxious to find out the names of his brothers and sisters. His brother was the great great uncle of my husband. I know some his siblings such as Isaac, Samuel, Sarah etc. but not all.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Fred H. Coleman

O'Donnell's book — "Newport & Verm. Twp (Verm Co Ill) 1824-1924

P. 21 — "se cor of NE ¼ of Sec. 16, T 17 N, R 9 W---

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P. 18 — James Coleman, 1847 Sec. 14 Verm.

See mss p-16

No "Coleman" listed in earliest settlers of Van Twp p. 15

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Newtown, Ind. 47969
July I5, I974

Dear Madam,

We have learned that my husband's great great grandfather, a Lt. Jacob Coleman, who served in the Revolutionary War from Virginia is buried in Vigo County. He died in I828. Have you any idea where he is buried and have you any information on his life or his children? I am very anxious to find out the names of his children. Understand some were John M., Isaac, Samuel, Lindsey, Sarah, Elizabeth etc. but if it names then would like to have zerox copies of them for legal purposes to prove our line.

Jacob Coleman served in the war from I776 to I783 as a Lt. and Adj. in the 7th, 9th, and I3th Virginia line. He was married to a Sarah McCullough or McCulloch in I783.

Jacob Coleman also resided in Putnam County, Ind.

If you have no information on him do you think the American Legion would have any information?

Enclsoed is $2.00 for copies if you find anything.

Mrs. Fred Coleman,
Newtown, Ind. 47969

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 23, 1974

Mrs. Fred Coleman
Newtown, Ind. 47969

Dear Mrs. Coleman:

I am sending copies of pages from various books which included references to Jacob Coleman, but have not been able to find anything which would prove or give the names of all of his children. There are numerous references to John M. Coleman in the various county histories, because he was the first appointed postmaster of Terre Haute, and was very active in government affairs, but I have found no references to his father. The Census of 1820 lists Isaac Coleman as living in Vigo County, and two men over the age of 45 in the household at that time. The names of members of a family are not listed until the 1850 Census. However, it is reasonable to assume that perhaps Jacob was the father of Isaac and may have been one of the two men over 45 in the household in 1820. If you could find a will it might list his survivors. The library owns a copy of WILL BOOk A 1818 for Vigo County, but his is not given. Perhaps you might write to the Court House. Our Cemetery Record book says that he was buried in Vigo County, but no location is given. The Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution buried in Indiana gives as proof his Pension Claim S. 35848, B.L.Wt. 1206-200. You might write to the National Archives and ask for a copy of his Pension Claim. Also you might write to the State Archives, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

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Local History Division.

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433 S. Main Avenue
Springfield, MO., 65806
1 August 1977

Ms. Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division
Vigo County Public Library
Terre Haute, IN, 47807

Dear Ms. Merrill:

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I have ordered the 1850 U. S. Census of Parke County, Ind.

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20 June 1977

Ms. Elizabeth R. Merrill
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Dear Ms. Merrill:

You asked about dates. Andrew Morlan, b. 1833, married Sarana Coleman, b. 1833, ca. 1850, supposedly near or in Terre Haute. Later, in about a year, they moved to Greene County, Iowa.

I wish to thank you for the copies of the directories of Vigo Co. I do not know the parents of Sarana; I do know she had a step-mother when Sarana was about 10 or 12 years of age.

I realize this is scanty information, but maybe I can come up with something definite.

I received a letter today from a cousin, in Jefferson, Iowa, whose existence I was not aware of. She told me she has a cousin living in Indiana, who is trying to find the family tree. She was a Morlan who had married a Wright.

I am enclosing one dollar in payment for Xeroxing; also 2 stamps to repay you for the postage which you used. Also, a self addressed stamped envelope for any reply.

Sincerely,

Arthur Paul Moser
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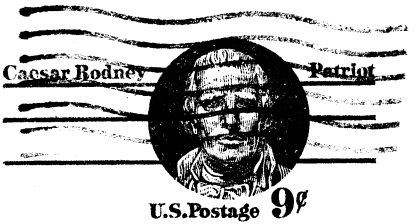

Ms. Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division
Vigo County Public Library
222 N. 7th St.
Terre Haute, IND., 47807

8 Sept 1977

Dear Ms. Merrill,
Thank you for the latest information concerning ZOPHER COLEMAN. With your help I am finding more information concerning my ancestors. You see, when Sarah Ann Coleman married Andrew Morlan, Zopher gave her an iron cookstove for a wedding present; also 2 calico dresses. I reasoned he must have been a man of means; the 1850 census of Parke Co., shows him to be wotth $1,500, which was quite a sum in those days--1851.

Sincerely,

Arthur Paul Moser

ARTHUR PAUL MOSER
433 S. Main Avenue
Springfield, MO., 65806

Coleman Family

433 S. Main Avenue
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15 September 1977

Ms, E. R. Merrill
Local History Division
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222 N. 7th. Street
Terre Haute, IND., 47807

Dear Ms. Merrill:

Thank you for the extract concerning the peat bog in Vermillion County.

I have learned that the Coleman family in which I am interested came from Parke County. Do you know if there were a localized (small) peat bog in that County? The more I think about the matter, I am inclined to think my great grandmother Sarah Ann Coleman may have had a swamp on her home place, and in local parlance referred to it as a peat bog. Of course, that is mere speculation.

From the information you sent me a few weeks ago, and from a Mrs, Ethel Coleman, of Rockville, I have learned more about my great grandparents, Andrew Morlan and Sarah Ann Coleman than I had known.

I do much research at the local library, and I do know that you people in the local history departments receive many requests for information which you are unable to fill.

Mrs. Ethel Coleman has sent me extracts from Beckwith's History of 1880 of Vigo, Parke and Vermillion Counties.

Sincerely,

Arthur Paul Moser
ARTHUR PAUL MOSER

I am enclosing one dollar to cover the cost of the Xerox Copy which you sent me, and I think it will cover any information you may find concerning Parke County.

a P M

Coleman Family

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Marian J. Zook
4000 Hubbell Ave.
Des Moines IA 50317

August 31, 1982

I'm glad the photocopies were helpful to you. There is a lot of information hidden away in those old county histories.

I don't know of anyone working on an Abbot line, but maybe you can get in touch with someone through the genealogical query column in the local newspaper. The address is: Genealogy, Dorothy Clark, Terre Haute Tribune-Star , 721 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute IN 47808. There is also a monthly Parke county magazine, Parke Place, which has a genealogy column. The address is : Genealogy, Mary Jo Harney, Torch Newspapers, Box 187, Rockville IN 47872.

I don't know if Mansfield ever had a newspaper; it's a pretty small town. A Guide to Indiana Newspaper Holdings in the Newspaper Section of the Indiana State Library lists the following Parke county papers for the dates you need: Parke County Journal , May 1894-Sept. 1898; Parke County Times and Progressive Country Life, 1915-1920; Rosedale Clipper , 20 Feb. 1897-12 Feb. 1898. Of course, there may have been other newspapers that the State Library didn't get. The Rockville Public Library, 106 N. Market St., Rockville IN 47872, has the Rockville newspapers. However, they don't have a microfilm printer or a large enough staff to do research for people. Sometimes volunteers from the local DAR answer letters for them.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

Aug 27, 1982

Vigo County Public Library
Nancy Sherrill Genealogy Librarian
One Library Square
Terre Haute, Ind. 47807

Nancy the day I received all the photo copies from you, I also got information from Ruby Cronk and John Wolverton. I was like a little child at xmas, did not know which one to open first.

I want to thank you for your time and help. I will share this with Harriett Crabbs. She has not been able to do much the last few weeks, her husband is in the hospital and is having surgery today.

The photo copy on the land tranfers of Coleman's you sent to Paul Moser could be a lead on Zopher Zoleman line. I plan on writing to him and see if he can help me.

I see in the Parke County marriage a Stephen Mains married Elizabeth Abbot. Do you know any one working on the Abbot line, that I might write to? Stephen could be a brother to William - Margaret and Henry Mains.

Could you tell me if Mansfield had a newspaper in 1897? I was wanting to get the obituary on Zoher Coleman, he died 27 Aug 1897 and buried in North Union cemetery, also his wife Telitha Coleman obituary, she died 21 July 1915 and buried at North Union cemetery.

Enclosed is my check for $2.50 to cover the postage on photo copies you sent me. Thank you again, you have been so helpfull.

Sincerely

Mrs Marian J. Zook
Marian J Zook
4000 Hubbell Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

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Parke Co Journal
May 1894 - Sept 1898
Parke Co Times
1915-1920
Rosedale Clipper
20 Feb 1897 - 12 Feb 1898

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13 June 1977

Ms. Elizabeth R. Merrill
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Dear Ms. Merrill:

Will you forgive an oversight? Under date of April 5, 1977, you kindly copied 4 pages from Handbook of Indiana Geology, by W. N. Logan, concerning peat bogs of Indiana.

I regret to say that it has dawned on me that I never acknowledged receipt of these pages.

You may recall that I mentioned in my letter of March 31, that my great grandmother, Sarana (Coleman) Morelan (d) lived near a peat bog in the vicinity of Terre Haute. But in my letter to you, I did not mention her name. I had written to you several months ago, asking for information about her. You were unable to find out anything about her.

I am enclosing one dollar to pay for the Xeroxing of these pages, also you used an extra stamp in sending me this information.

I deeply regret that I did not acknowledge receitp of this information, earlier.

I may want you to do some more research for me at a later day.

Sincerely,

Arthur Paul Moser
ARTHUR PAUL MOSER

June 17, 1977

Dear Mr. Moser:

Now you gave me your great grandmother's name, but not her approximate dates. Both Coleman and Moreland are old names here. John M. Coleman was the first appointed postmaster of Terre Haute, and there were Morelands here early, too.

I am enclosing copies of 2 pages from the Vigo County Directory of 1898, and a page from the DAR Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers, and 2 pages from Mrs. Clark's Revolutionary War Soldiers of Vigo County.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division

433 S. Main Avenue
Springfield, MO., 65806
31 March 1977

Ms. Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division
Vigo County Public Library
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Terre Haute, IN, 47807

Dear Ms. Merrill:

Do you have any knowledge of a peat bog near the Wabash River ca. 1850? It may have been in either Vigo or Sullivan County, since my greatgrsndmother used to tell of a peat bog near her home. Also, they used to go along a high bluff near the Wabash River.

I had assumed she lived in Vigo County, but on looking at a map of Indiana, it is possible they could have lived in Sullivan County.

I am enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope for your answer.

Sincerely,

Arthur Paul Moser

ARTHUR PAUL MOSER

April 5, 1977

Dear Mr. Moser:

I have found nothing to indicate that there was a peat bog in Vigo or Sullivan County. I am sending a copy of some pages from the Handbook of Indiana Geology, by W. N. Logan. (Indianapolis, 1922, W. B. Burford) The State Library in Indianapolis has a card index to the Census of 1850 for the whole state. They could probably tell you where she lived. You did not give me her name. Although it does not show on the map, I believe there are some swamp areas around Evansville. But they are not known as peat bogs, I do not believe.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division

Coleman Family

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August 29, 1977

Arthur Paul Moser
433 S. Main Ave.
Springfield, Mo., 65806

Dear Mr. Moser:

I did find in the property owners' list in the 1874 Atlas of Parke County, that Zopher Coleman owned 59 acres in Union Township. He also owned 78 Acres in Jackson Twp. Parke County Land Entries Vol. L lists the following:

p131 part 2 May 12, 1825 Robert Glidewell and his wife Jane of Putnam Co., Ind. to Zopher Colman of Parke Co. Ind. (land in Jackson Twp. Parke Co. Ind.)

Vol 5 (Deed Record 2) p 343 Zophar Coleman and Emily his wife of Parke Co., Ind (Jackson twp.) to Michael Pruett of same place. witz: George Hansel Oct 3, 1835
Eli Fleming

page 360 Oct. 12, 1835 Lemuel Coleman and Rosana his wife, of Parke Co. (Jackson Twp.) to Stephen Pruett ofsame place
witz: George Hansel
Hannah Hansel

p370 Nov. 3, 1835 Zophar Coleman of Parke Co., Ind. Jackson Twp. Mortgage to Charles Grant, Commissioner of School Lands of Parke Co., Ind.

p484-485 Nov. 3, 1835 James Brooks and Mary Brooks, now Mary Colman, Executrix & Executor of Andrew Brooks, deceased, late of Parke Co., Ind., and Samuel Colman, married to Mary Brooks, to Moses Robbins of Parke Co., Ind. (all interest of said Andrew Brooks in company composed of Brooks, Robbins and Chauncey Rose - Florida Twp.) witz: William Hill
Aaron Thompson

p503 Nov. 9, 1835 Moses Robbins of Parke Co., Ind. Florida Twp. to Samuel Colman, in trust for Caroline Brooks of Sullivan Co., Ind. Witz: S. B. Gookins
S. Wright

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Vigo County Indiana Early Entries From "Tract Book", 1816-1821 lists the following:

p 3	George Paul & Samuel Colman	Sept 27-1816	Sec	23	=twp12-	R10
7	John M. Colman & Samuel Coleman	Nov 2-1816	Sec	30	12	9
10	Samuel Colman	Oct 1-1816		11	11	9
18	John M. Colman & Samuel Colman	Apr 29 1818		29	13	9
18	Samuel Colman	Oct 31 1818		24	12	10

Grantee	Grantor	Location			Date	
John M. Colman of Sullivan Co.	Eliakim Crosby of New York	Sec 15	T 12	R 9	Odt 17, 1817	1-4
Samuel Colman	Collector of Tax Bailey Johnson (Sullivan Co.Ind)	4	10	10	Oct 29, 1817	1-16
Ezra Jones	Isaac Colman (no wife signs)	35	12	9	May 27, 1818	1-37
James Athey of Owen Co., Ind.	John M. Colman (no wife signs)	9	12	5	Apr 12, 1819	1-98

Some of this may turn out to be helpful. It looks as though there could be a relationship between the earlier Jacob Coleman and the Parke County family, but I still do not see it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division

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433 S. Main Avenue
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27 August 1977

Ms. Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division
Vigo County Public Library
222 N. 7th St.
Terre Haute, IN, 47807

Dear Ms. Merrill:

Thank you so much for the name and address of Mrs. Fred COLEMAN, which you sent me about a month ago. She gave me the names of members of the COLEMAN family which I had been seeking. She gave me the names of brothers, sisters, mother, step-mother and father's given name of Sarah Ann (Coleman) Morlan.

I learned that my great grandparents, Sarah Ann COLEMAN, and Andrew MORLAN were married 13 April 1851. Zopher COLEMAn was the father of Sarah Ann. Her mother was Emily Smith COLEMAN, who died in 1832 age 36. Her step-mother was Elsey COOMBES, married in 1839 to Zopher COLEMAN.

Children and heirs of Zopher COLEMAN: Sarah Ann (MORELAND); Jane JOHNSON (JOHNSTON); Samuel COLEMAN: Abraham COLEMAN: John COLEMAN. Will discharged Sept. 16, 1867.

Mrs. COLEMAN, could find no information concerning Andrew MORLAN.

You have been so helpful to me, I wonder if you have any additional information concerning the above mentioned people? All of them were of Parke County, IN.

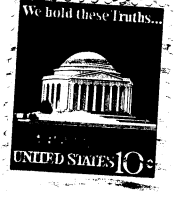
I am enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope for your use.

Sincerely,
Arthur Paul Moser
ARTHUR PAUL MOSER

August 29, 1877

Dear Mr. Moser:

I did find in the property owner's list in the 1874 Atlas of Parke County, that Zepher Coleman owned 59 acres in Union Township (15N6W sw¼ section 32).. He also owned 78 acres in Jackson Twp (14N6W NE½ section 5).



Mrs. Robert I. Clark
2032 North Eighth St.
Terre Haute, IN. 47804

Richard L. Huelster
5325 East 81st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250

FILE - COLEMAN - Asst: MINARD

20 September, 1975

Mrs. Robert I. Clark
2032 North Eighth St.
Terre Haute, IN. 47804

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Dear Mrs. Clark:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding my ancestors from Vigo Co., the Colemans and the Lamberts.

I should like to purchase your booklet on the Revolutionary War Soldiers of Vigo County, and am enclosing $2.00.

You suggested that I research Beckwith's book, which I am doing at present, after using it a few times last spring when I began my "quest". It has been very helpful; however, I am stuck! I can't seem to verify John M. Coleman, listed so frequently, as the father of John Coleman, b. Harrisburg, PA. Sept. 4, 1806 and married to Sarah (Sally) Lambert in Vigo Co. Jan. 9, 1831. I'm hoping to make this connection.

As secretary of the Vigo Co. Historical Society, perhaps you can tell me if any old maps exist so that I can locate the old "homesteads".

Thank you again.

Kathryn Huelster (Mrs. R.L.)

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Coleman Family

433 S. Main Avenue
Springfield, MO., 65806
17 September 1982

Mrs. Nancy Sherrill
Local History Division
Vigo County Public Library
222 N. 7th Street
Terre Haute, IN. 47807

Dear Mrs. Sherrill:

Please accept my sincere thanks for supplying my name to Mrs. Marian Zook, of Des Moines, IA., who sought information on the COLEMAN family of Parke County.

Mrs. Zook sent me more information concerning the family.

Should you receive requests for the MORELAN, MORLAN, MORELAND, MORLAN families, I can supply quite a bit of information. The COLEMAN and MORLAN families are my maternal ancestors; the two famili es intermarried, so I have gotten a lot of information on both through the years.

Sincerely,

Arthur Paul Moser

ARTHUR PAUL MOSER

Coleman Family

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

James R. Coleman
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December 4, 1986

The Parke County Centennial Memorial, 1816-1916 does not circulate so I am sending you a copy of the article on Zopher Coleman. The Colemans are also mentioned in other Parke county histories.

We have a file on a Coleman family. It contains letters from Arthur Paul Moser, 433 S. Main Ave., Springfield MO 65806, regarding Zopher Coleman and letters from Mrs. Marian Zook, 4000 Hubbell Ave., Des Moines IA 50317, on the Parke county Colemans. If you would like copies from this file, our charge is 10¢ per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill

Genealogy Librarian

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Dec. 1, 1986

Dear Librarian,

Could you please be of some help. I recently found an old letter from a cousin. It states that there was an article about my great-grandfather ZOPHER COLEMAN. The article was from "PARKE CO., IND. CENTENNIAL 1816-1916 PUBLISHED UNDER AUSPICES OF ROCKVILLE CHATAUQUA ASSOC."

I would like to get this publication on inter-library loan. Could you please give me the call numbers or what ever information I need to give to my library so they can order it.

Thank you,

James R. Coleman

4210-1B HICKORY RD.
MISHAWAKA, IND.
46545

JAMES R COLEMAN
4210 1 B HICKORY RD
MISHAWAKA IN 46545

6-25-90

Zopher Coleman, Sr.
who the son of
~~to~~ Abraham and Elizabeth (Parker) Coleman
who were married in Grayson County, Va.,
around 1795.

I have names of Abraham's parents and
grandparents and the brothers and sisters
for Zopher. Unfortunately, I did not know
I would be able to do any research here
and I don't have any information with me.

I would be happy to share Coleman
history if you (anyone who is interested) will
contact me at:

CARMEN CONARD
10112 Cavalry Drive
Fairfax, Va. 22030
(703)591-6027

(My Coleman ancestor Hannah (Coleman) Weeks was
Zopher Sr.'s sister.)

Coleman Family

Olivia E. Loff
44 Jeffers Rd.
Plainsboro NJ 08536

June 8, 1994

Thanks for your interesting letter of May 24th and S.A.S.E. After reading it I could see that you have probably researched some of the Vermillion county histories and census records. You know that John M. Coleman built the capitol at Iowa City, Iowa after he left Vermillion county IN in the 1830's, etc. There is also a record, of which you are aware, of a Josiah Zeiger marrying Mary Colman the date of issue of license (not necessarily the wedding date) being Sep. 5, 1835.

However, I could not find any other information about this couple who you think are the parents of Mary Evaline Zieger. The few Zeigers that I did find in Vermillion county IN were in Highland twp. not Eugene twp. as you suggested. In the small Wabash River town of Perrysville I found a Sarah Zieger, 63, listed with a Samuel Zeiger, 20, student. However, my best discovery was of a 2 year-old Mary E. Zeiger, daughter of James and Amanda Zeiger, living in Highland twp. I think she may have become the mother of Edgar Rice Burroughs. Do you agree?

There were no Zeigers, Ziegers, Zigers etc. listed in the 1860 Indiana census index so I wonder if Mary Evaline's family may have gone to Illinois. We do not have the 1860 Illinois census. I have looked at the 819 page biography of E. R. Burroughs by Irwin Porges. It has a picture of Mary Evaline Burroughs on p. 11 and I am wondering if she is the woman who grew up in Highland twp. Vermillion county IN in 1850.

Our only reference to James Zieger, other than the 1850 census, is an old plat map of Eugene twp. that shows Zieger owning 80 acres in Sec. 17 which borders Highland twp. This is shown in Harold O'Donnell's Eugene Township: The First 100 Years 1824-1924 p. 12.

I checked information about Jacob Coleman, the Revolutionary War soldier, who died in 1828 and may be buried in Vermillion county IN, but I don't see how he could have been connected to the Mary Evaline Zieger you are searching for. Can you explain?

David N. Lewis
SpC Research Ass't

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No Zeigers in 1860 Ind. Census today
3 " " 1850 Vermillion Co. - but not Josiah

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ZEIGER
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Not in WPA
Vermilion marriages

2 long prints = .30

SASE

May 24, 1994

Dear Reference:

I am doing research for a book about the "TARZAN" films - not just a filmography - but also including some genealogical information about the author of the TARZAN books - (& other books) EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS. (1875-1950). Who had ancestors who were in the area of Terra Haute, Indiana, we would appreciate if you are able to provide any information about the following families:-

MARY EVALINE ZIEGER born in or near EUGENE, VERMILLION Co. IND. dau of JOSIAH ZIEGER of Dutch des. who went to Indiana, from PA. after the Civil War.

marr. 1835. - MARY COLEMAN.
dau. of: JOHN McCULLOCH COLEMAN who moved from Kentucky to Terre Haute, Indiana. then to Vermillion Co. Indiana; in the 1830's - he moved to Iowa City - Iowa.
Son of:
Jacob. Coleman Revolutionary Soldier in the 7th & 9th VA. Regiments - 1779 - to War's end.

Do you have anything at all in your holdings about these early people - any biographical information or even dates. etc.? that would perhaps reveal something more? - where they were exactly - before Indiana etc. -

Please inform me if you are able to help with this Project, and thank you in advance for your co-operation - also inform me of research fees - etc.

Sincerely
Olivia Loff.

S.A.S.E. Enc. for reply -

BURROUGHS - B - 622

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Joseph Zeiger, 36, St. Joseph Co. ED. 167, sheet 13
Lorance " 45 " " 167 " 12
~~Joseph~~
John " 30 " " 160 " 30

P. 40 John Coleman built the capitol at Iowa City.
277 Sarah Coleman married James Grandyke
89- Coleman sold out in 1838 and went to Iowa
279 of B. & N. Record of Vermillion Co. indicates he helped lay out Indy & I.N. & built the first Vigo C.C.N. and the Iowa S.H.

✓ Sept 5, 1835 - #8 Josiah Zeiger m. Mary Coleman
→ m. licence issue date

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Jacob Coleman (1748-1828) Born in Va; died in Ind.
Pension claim S 35848
"Thought to be buried in Vermillion Co."
Son - John M.
Son - Samuel M.

Pg. 50 Perrysville Sarah Zeiger, 63, $3200 Ind
" 20 student Ind
Samuel

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Coleman Family

Merom March 6th 1819

Dear Brother I feel my heart flow with gratitude that there is a way made possible to convey our thought to each other tho the distance may be very grate as in the presant case we are all well and I have had better health since I left you than I had any right to expect The journey being very tegious and the last part of it disagreeable and the house not very warm but I believe it is the warmest in this plaice I was very glad to get a letter from you as it was the first that I had got The same male fetcht us several for which we were very thankfull I have not much to rite you but think while I am filling my paper I am with you you informed one thing on me before we parted and I found I cold not do otherwise what is thought about it. I cannot tell as I have no one hear that I reveal my mind to you know what it was and keep it to your self we shall be very glad to hear from you at any time and will be also glad you and the children would time your letters so we cold hear more frequent as we think the time long we have not seen one soul from that place since we came here brother John has never rote me one line since I left him I wish you would see him and know if I have not done as he wished me to do as I have rote several letters to him as for what the boys rites I know nothing about it as I see none of there letters we would be very glad to see some of your boys here if it would suit them to come and not otherwise I thin they may make it convenient to fetch a lode of produce as flour will fetch from seven to eight dollars per barral whisky one dollar a gallon salt is five dollars a bushel by the barrol here we are giving that now I expect apples and sider would sell well flax linning will fetch from fifty to seventy five sents a yards good strong shoes would sell well any kind of contry made shoes I think if I had as much property as you have I could make up a lode very quick I must tell you our things is at evensville at piggot yet we got but few of

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them with us I expect Sally Cravens has got to her fathersby this time she was hear some time it made me almost think I was with you at first but oh recollection at hand minds me a gain of the distance I find some of our society hear we have preaching in this place we will have the circuit preaching here they preach in samuels office he is very friendly to them but does not consider himself give my love to all your childrin James and Nancy have not excepted tell sally I will rite to her but with my own hand but I have wore out my pen and samy is not at home and I dare not free any letters without he has an intrust on line in them and one is enough to pray for at once I intended to rite to brother gorge but it is getting two late I remain your affectionate sister and have you still feel the same still remember me at the throne of grace where still come freshist to my mind give my love to sister Elcecy and except the same your self

Sarah Colman

Abraham McColloch

(address) Mr Abraham McColloch
Wheeling
Virginia

Merom I
7 March

Letter from Jno. M. Coleman to Mr. Abraham McColloch

Terre Haute Feby. 6 1820

Dear Uncle

Your last letter came to hand by this days mail your first covering the deposition of the (next several lines are indecipherable). last week that prevented me from writing you. I now have the satisfaction of informing you that the Register makes no further objections to your claim the land can be located at any time & do not think it advisable to lay the warrant on any land that is now vacant. My advice to you is to let it remain until more lands are offered this fall. Your instructions on the subject will be strictly attended to. Ryons family is in Vincennes. His boat is froze up at the foot of the rapids twenty miles below.

We have had the severest winter I have experienced for many years.

Mother and family was in good health a few days ago. A general scarcity money prevails among us. The farmers are unusually oppressed. My respect to the friends generally. Please write me on the receipt of this.

With due respect
I am your obt. _____.

Mr. A. McColloch

Jn. M. Coleman

The addressing side shows

Feb. 6 - 20
Jn. M. Coleman

Mr. Abraham McColloch
Wheeling

Coleman Family

Olivia E. Loff
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July 8, 1994

I received your letter of June 17th and regret I cannot help you with the very early years of Josiah Zeiger and John M. Coleman. The latter was one of Terre Haute's earliest postmasters.

About a year ago a Mrs. B. McCulloch Marlin, 3 Tarryton Court, Monroe, OH 45050 gave this library a typescript copy of an 1820 letter from John M. Coleman to Abraham McColloch, of Wheeling. The letter is brief, partly indecipherable in its original form, and does not tell anything about Coleman's early life. However, you might want to write Mrs. Marlin as she might be able to help you.

Twenty years ago a Mrs. Fred Coleman corresponded with us concerning John M. Colman and seemed to be informed concerning him. Though she may be deceased now, her address then was Newtown IN 47969. The current telephone directory for Attica lists a Fred Coleman 6332 W 7005 (317)572-2890. This might be the right one though Newtown supposedly has the prefix 764.

I agree with your conclusion that John M. Coleman lived with an unusual group of people in Iowa City in 1850. Perhaps the Johnson County (Iowa City) Public Library could shed some light on that situation since Coleman built the old capitol there. Have you tried writing them?

Thanks for the information concerning Mary Evaline and her siblings etc.

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June 27, 1994

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter of June 22, with the copy of the 1840 census, for Highland twp., Vermillion Co. showing the household of Josiah Zeiger, which did not list his daughter Mary Evaline.

I found one from 1850 Federal Census in Iowa City - Iowa. Which lists:

Zegar, Josiah, potter, born: 1812, OHIO
HIS WIFE: MARY (COLEMAN.) born: 1816, INDIANA.
CHILDREN: JAMES M. BORN: 1836 INDIANA.
EVALINE. BORN: 1841, INDIANA
ELIZA J. BORN 1843 INDIANA.

Which I think answers - about Evaline not being listed 1840 - as she was born the following year (1841)

Also there is a burial record in Oakland Cem., Iowa City - for Colemans

Coleman, John M. d. Mar 10, 1864 - born 1787 - (in Kentucky) (& wife.)
MARY Coleman - b: 1808, d: Apr. 12, 1842.

I thought you may be interested in this further information which I just now found - that is not in the Burroughs book;

Regarding your last Paragraph in your letter - about the chronology being incorrect; I was quoting from another source, that stated that Josiah Zieger went back to Indiana; after his daughters marriage; - I do not know when he died - or where. Perhaps it was Indiana - I really do not know; just going by what I was told.

I am still interested in finding out if possible - where he came from (& was born) in Ohio.

Also, ~~father~~ - in Kentucky - John M. Coleman was born, if you should turn up anything more about this - I would really

appreciate it.

I also am very appreciative of your interest, and co-operation in "untangling" some of the facts, for a more complete genealogical chart, and hope you find the added information from Iowa interesting.

One last added piece of information - which was very puzzling - was the 1850 Census of Iowa City, Iowa - which listed - John M. Coleman; age 63, b. Kentucky - living with an unusual group as follows:

John Powell, 50, Merchant. b. PA.
Eliz. Powell. 66. b: ENGLAND.
May A. MORTON. 12. b. PA.
SALOME HUFFMAN, 20. b. FRANCE
JOSEPH SNIDER, 30, b. Germany.
John. M. Coleman, 63, b. Kentucky.

Very unusual group..!! What do you think? Perhaps it was some sort of "boarding house"; is all I can guess - Perhaps after his wife Mary Coleman died.?

Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely
Olivia Loff.